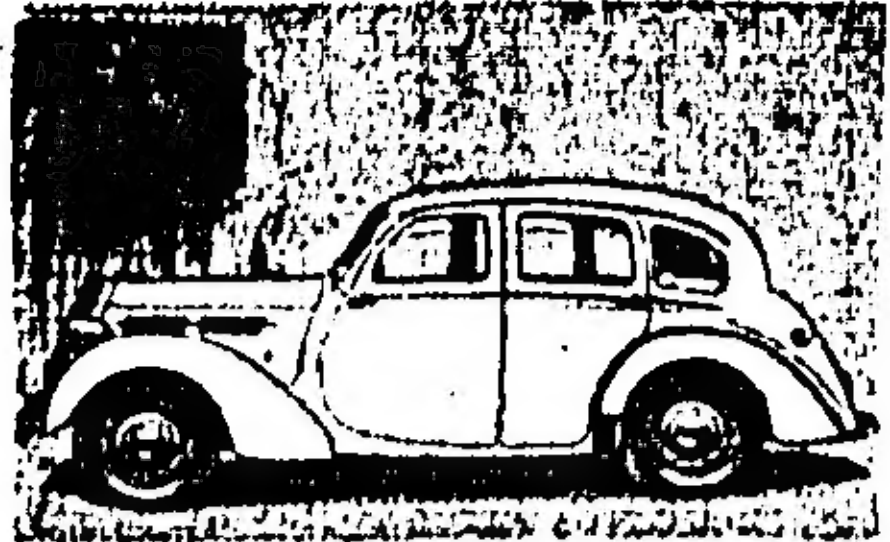


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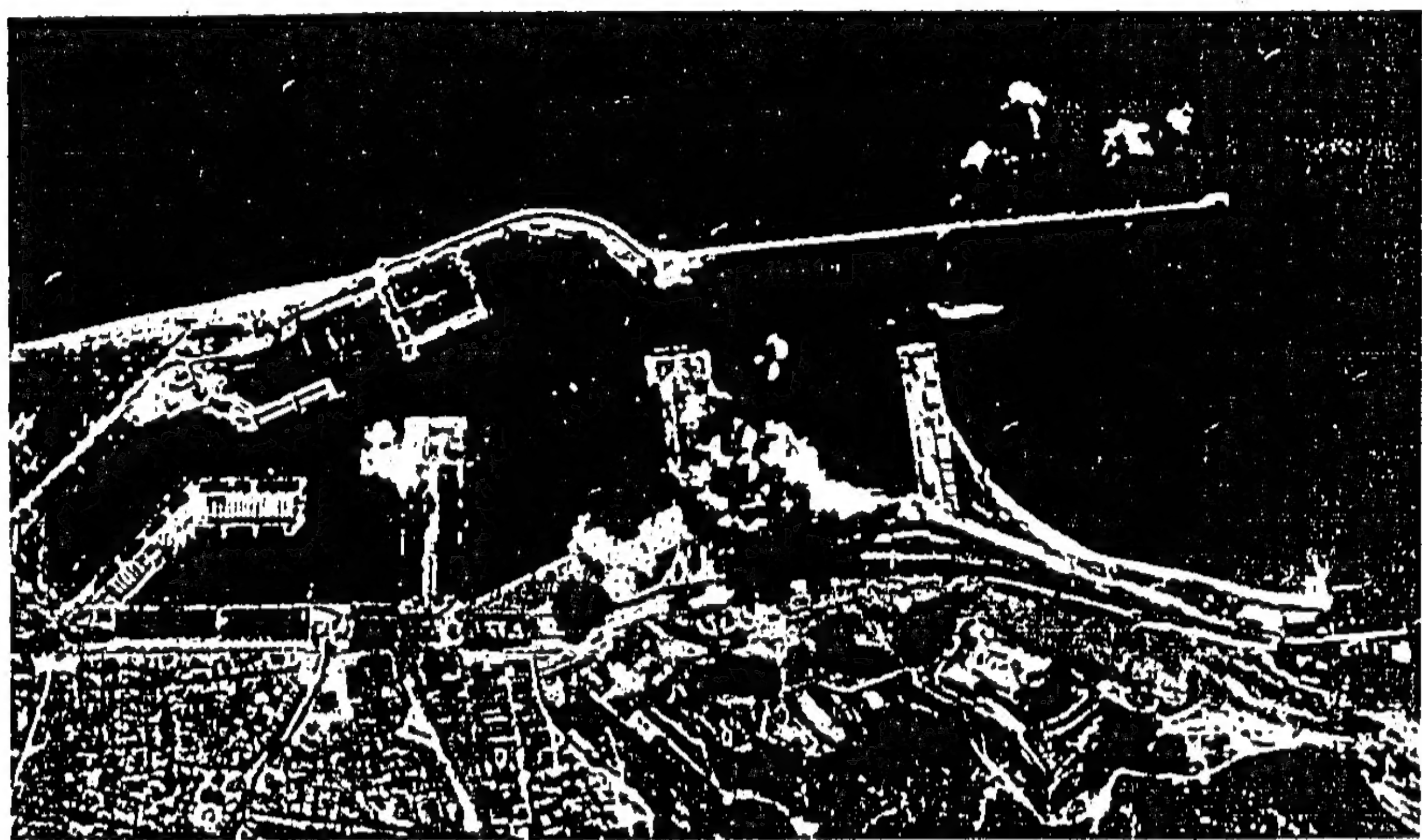
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COMMONS ATTACK ON DRUG POSITION IN FAR EAST



ATTACKED BY ITALIAN "Legionary" bombers, Barcelona, capital of Catalonia, photographed from one of the raiders, with bombs bursting on the quays and among shipping, and one ship making off to sea.

China Approaching 1939 With Confidence

LONDON, Dec. 22. "CHINA APPROACHES the new year with confidence, based not only on the impregnable position of the National Government, our leader, and the valour of the Chinese people, but by virtue of increased international readiness to help China," said Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador to London, in an interview to-day.

JAPAN MAY RECALL AMBASSADOR

Resentment At Soviet Attitude On Fisheries

TOKYO, Dec. 22. JAPANESE RESENTMENT about the lack of conciliation on the Soviet side regarding renewal of the fisheries agreement is so strong that the recall of the Japanese Ambassador from Moscow, in case the negotiations fail completely, is believed not to be out of the question.

The "Kokumin Shinbun" claims that such a measure is being considered in Government quarters in order to stress the importance which Japan attaches to the protection of its fishing rights.

Ambassador Togo, following a conference between Premier Prince Konoye and other Ministers to-day, received a new set of instructions for immediate discussion with M. Litvinoff, the Soviet Foreign Minister. —Trans-Ocean.

Chamberlain's Visit To Italian Capital

Rome, Dec. 22. Mr. Neville Chamberlain's visit to Rome will be followed by a journey by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano to Belgrade. It is stated in diplomatic circles here.

It has already been announced that the trip of the Hungarian Foreign Minister to Rome will not take place until Count Ciano returns from Belgrade.

The Italian press has been stressing for some days past the desirability of closer relations between Budapest and Belgrade, and it is generally assumed that the visits of the two Foreign Ministers will be devoted largely to the realisation of this aim. —Trans-Ocean.

The reasons for supporting China become daily more formidable through Japanese depredations of British interests, added the Ambassador. The United States, by granting China credit and borrowing facilities underlined the spirit of financial co-operation, saying that this may well be only the beginning.

"I am gratified by the many indications, even definite steps, that Britain, with still more vital interests at stake than the United States, is now fully aroused to the menacing realities."

"Japan has over reached herself so conspicuously that even the most hesitant British business interests realise that only by China's triumph can the legitimate Western interests survive in the Far East."

"Now at this Christmas season, every Chinese feels heartened and happier by this development, added to the constant British benefactions for Chinese sufferers in the devastated areas."

I am confident that the new year will mark a turn of the tide in China's favour. —Reuter.

Representation On Suez Canal Board

London, Dec. 22. The present national representation on the board of the Suez Canal Company is: French 19, British 10, Egyptian 2, Dutch 1, said the Secretary to the Treasury, Captain Evan Wallace, when questioned in the House of Commons to-day.

This representation compared with the previous Board comprising 20 Frenchmen, ten British, one Dutch and one German. —Reuter Special.

Empire Air Mail Disorganised

London, Dec. 22. Imperial Airways announce the severe weather in Western Europe and the Mediterranean, and the frozen intermediate ports of call in Central France have necessitated an interruption of air services, and therefore there will be some delay in mails to and from the Empire. —Reuter Special.

Home Of 'Turn Again' Whittington Destroyed

LONDON, Dec. 22. MANOR COTSWOLD, the residence of Sir Alan Anderson, M.P. for the City of London, was almost completely destroyed by fire to-day.

For centuries it was the home of the descendants of Dick Whittington.

The flames spread so quickly that Lady Anderson, who was trapped in her bedroom, only escaped by lowering herself from the bathroom window by a rope of knotted towels.

The Cheltenham fire brigade had a desperate struggle to reach the scene of the fire through a blinding snowstorm, and had to be three times dug out of snow-drifts. —Reuter Special.

Agreement No Longer Valid, Say Italians

PARIS, Dec. 22. IT WAS STATED to-day that the Italian Government informed the French Ambassador to Rome some days ago that it regards the Franco-Italian agreement of January 7, 1935 as no longer valid, because it is no longer responding to the requirements of the situation.

It may be recalled that the agreement in question, which was concluded on behalf of the French Government by ex-Premier Laval on a visit to Rome, was intended to settle various problems outstanding between the two countries, including that of Tunisia.

Exchange of the ratifications of the treaty have never taken place, and the view was recently expressed in

3,000 Dens In Colony, Speaker Alleges

LONDON, Dec. 22. LIEUT.-COMMANDER R. T. H. FLETCHER (Lab.) raised matters in the House of Commons to-day on a motion for the Christmas adjournment arising from the report of the advisory committee on drugs at Geneva.

He reviewed the proceedings there, and asked what was the "vigorous action" being taken by the British Government in accordance with a resolution regarding the drug traffic passed at Geneva, which reiterated that the situation in China was deteriorating under Japanese influence.

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher referred to the situation in Hongkong, where the local Government was unable to cope with the drug traffic.

He said there were over 3,000 heroin dens in Hongkong, and over 300,000 opium and heroin pills were consumed there daily, and there were 40,000 opium addicts.

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher mentioned Russell Pasha's report, and said: "His allegations are in respect to the drug traffic in areas under direct and indirect Japanese control."

JAPAN UNDOING GOOD WORK

The speaker charged Japan with undoing the League's good work and of fostering illicit drug traffic throughout the world as an instrument of policy to promote the degradation of the Chinese. If those charges were true, he would like to ask the House how far we could call Japan a civilised nation.

"I had never had a very great admiration for the British slogan that trade follows the flag, but he preferred it to the Japanese slogan that drugs follow the flag."

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher quoted reports of facts and figures in the course of a scathing indictment of Japan in connection with drugs.

Mr. R. A. Butler, replying, gave the House information derived by the Government from various parts of the Far East.

One very serious feature of the growth of the traffic was the growth in the use of heroin, which was far more serious to use than opium—itsself a terrible gripping vice.

After referring to the steps now being taken by the British and Japanese authorities in mutually communicating information regarding the proceedings and movements of persons known to be engaged in the illicit traffic, Mr. Butler said that although it might not give an immediate solution to a grave problem, it at least meant that we were in close touch with the representatives of Japan, and that thus we were able to illustrate the gravity we attached to the matter.

NOT DELIBERATE

Reviewing the position, Mr. Butler said that from information in the possession of Viscount Halifax, there was no evidence that the increase in drug traffic in China was the outcome of any deliberate plan on the part of the Japanese Government, or that it had now adopted a system of under-

LONDON, Dec. 22. SIR THOMAS INSKIP, Minister for the Co-Ordination of National Defence, has tendered his resignation to Mr. Chamberlain, according to the London "Evening News."

The Premier has refused to accept the resignation.

A statement from official quarters regarding Sir Thomas Inskip's intention to resign has not yet been made.

According to the "Evening News," Sir Thomas offered his resignation to the Premier in order to facilitate the eventual re-organisation of the Cabinet. —Trans-Ocean.

Ickes Speech Brings Strong Nazi Protest

BERLIN, Dec. 22. THE GERMAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES in Washington has made a demarche to Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, energetically protesting against the speech delivered by Mr. Harold Ickes on December 18, in the course of which he hotly criticised Fascism, Nazism and the European dictators.

In an inspired statement to the foreign press, the Charge d'Affaires described Mr. Ickes' remarks as "vulgar, invective, and defamatory declarations."

Well-informed circles consider the incident of Mr. Harold Ickes, whose anti-German speech has called forth an official demarche, merely as one of a series of events during the past few days exemplifying the stiffening of the American policy against the anti-Communist Powers, the other indications being the credits extended to China, and the food to be sent to Spain.

It is recognised that if all the members of the Cabinet expressed themselves as freely as Mr. Ickes habitually does, the Government would be embarrassed, but Mr. Ickes has a special position of being the "whipping boy" for the Administration, often saying aloud what other eminent members must reserve for their intimates.

Hence the Administration can turn over an apology to the Reich without hypocrisy. Moreover, members of the State Department are thoroughly linked by what they regard as the attempted sabotage of the Lima conference by totalitarian enemies, and are not in a mood to conciliate those who are believed to be guilty of provocation elsewhere. —Reuter.

Iraq Exiles Five Opposition Chiefs

Baghdad, Dec. 22. The Iraq Government to-day exiled five persons, including one former Prime Minister, to the interior of the country.

A number of opposition leaders were exiled to the same place several days ago.

The Government has thus taken up the fight against the opposition, which chiefly consists of former parties hostile to the present Government. —Trans-Ocean.

AIR RAIDS PRECAUTIONS Opposition Questions Measures

LONDON, Dec. 22. THE ADVANTAGES of the measures advocated by Sir John Anderson with regard to national defence and air raid precautions in the House of Commons yesterday, were called into question to-day on the motion for the adjournment.

Mr. Arthur Henderson (Lab.) quoting Barcelona's experience, urged a deep tunnelling system under the streets, with tunnels 45 feet deep.

Viscount Wolmer expressed disappointment that no provision was made to use concrete instead of steel sheets, which had created enormous casualties in Barcelona. Barcelona had now adopted a system of under-

INSKIP OUT OF GOVT., SAYS REPORT

PLEDGE BY KOREANS TO GOVERNMENT

CHUNGKING, Dec. 22. THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S PARTY has issued the following message to the Chinese people, pledging support for the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and China's resistance to Japanese invasion:

"It is more than sixteen months now since China began to fight her war of resistance against the invasion of the Japanese militarists."

"The entire Chinese army and people, under the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang, fighting with undaunted spirit, have not only smashed the Japanese

military's dream of a 'quick war,' but have also been able to take offensive measures, and achieved results in prolonged warfare."

"Japan has sent more than one million troops to China, invading from south and north and east with all her might."

"Innumerable cities have been destroyed by Japanese vandalism. But the opposition she met has greatly tired her, and she is now on the verge of collapse. Now mired deep in

LATEST

U.S. WON'T APOLOGISE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. Mr. Sumner Welles disclosed to-day that the United States had rejected Germany's demand for an official apology for the speech delivered by Mr. Harold Ickes on December 18, in which he denounced Fascism as a "crueller, more refined voodooism," and an ever-present threat to the United States, France and England.

Mr. Welles' statement to the German Charge d'Affaires, Dr. Thomsen, was couched in strong and uncompromising terms, which the United States rarely uses in diplomatic discussions with a friendly Government.

The exchanges have brought an extremely sharp and new strain on German-American relations.

Mr. Welles told Dr. Thomsen that Germany's request came with singularly ill-grace and impropriety from a Government which, as president, permitted its controlled press and officials to attack American leaders, including President Wilson and President Roosevelt, and present members of the Cabinet.

He advised Dr. Thomsen that Mr. Ickes' remarks represented the feeling of an overwhelming majority of the American people, and said that the recent policy of Germany had shocked and confounded public opinion in the United States more profoundly than anything that had occurred in many decades.

He warned Dr. Thomsen that expressions of public indignation such as that voiced by Mr. Ickes were inevitable, and that Mr. Ickes' criticism of Mr. Henry Ford and Colonel Lindbergh was purely a question in which Germany could have no concern whatever, and which he could not discuss.

As long as German attacks on American officials continued, the German Government had no right to suppose attacks of the same character would not continue. —Reuter.

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the interior, she will be soon forced disadvantageously to fight decisive battles in mountainous regions.

"On China's part, her resistance is for national existence. Under such circumstances, the stronger will be her will to resist. With the entire nation determined to fight to the

it is certain that the final will be hers, and the two objects, namely enemy- (Continued on Page 4)

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Gracie Declines To Stop Being A "Comic"

Gracie Fields has no intention of adopting recent suggestions that she should stand for Parliament.

Before she sailed from Southampton for America in the Normandie recently she said:

"I could not wrestle with that department—my own job gives me all the wrestling I can manage. Anyway, I'm not a bit interested in politics."

"I SHALL CARRY ON"

"I have no desire for anything more than my job and plenty of good songs to sing," she said.

"I haven't even got a yearning to play any character other than my own—Hamlet included—and no long as I can go on being comic I shall be happy."

"As for making films in America, I like Americans very much, but my home and all my interests are here in England, so why should I leave them?"

"I shall just keep on carrying on as I am."

HER NEW PICTURE

Gracie is crossing to America to discuss with Darryl F. Zanuck and Monty Banks details of her new picture, "Sally of the Shipyards," in which the building of the new liner Queen Elizabeth will form the background.

She heard that her last film, "Keep Smiling," which Mr. Banks took to America with him a fortnight ago, has been accepted without a single cut.

Also aboard the Normandie were Marlene Dietrich and Cary Grant, the Bristol-born Hollywood star.

Nurse, 'Mother' At 10

The 10-years-old daughter of a 24-years-old fisherman acted as little mother to a sister aged two and as a nurse to a bedridden grandmother. It was stated at Grimsby recently.

Charles Frederick Lodge was sent to prison for three months for neglecting his daughters, Gwendoline, aged 10, and Henrietta.

Inspector Cook said the mother of the children was dead and the father left them in the care of their grandmother, who was 65, and paralysed. Lodge was found to be living with a married woman at another address.

Lodge denied that he had been cruel. He said he was unemployed and had done what he could for the girls.

Fell From A Pylon . . .

THROUGH touching a "live" wire while working on an electricity pylon, Mr. F. Fisher, of Richmond-avenue, Litchford, Warrington, Lancashire, was thrown to the ground and was killed.

Generalissimo, and a brother-in-law of Dr. Kung?—Not to my knowledge.

Mr. Percy William A. Munday, a Foreign Office official, said that the name of Chou Tin Shu had never been submitted to the Foreign Office as an official of the Chinese Embassy.

The case was adjourned.

A VICAR HATED SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mr. L. Minchin, for many years superintendent of St. Gabriel's Church Sunday School, East Ham, now closed by the vicar, recently said "Good-bye" to the children.

The vicar (the Rev. Cecil Clark) believes that Sunday schools are "based on two fallacies," and says, "as a child I hated being forced to attend."

With Miss E. Musto, who has been in charge of the girls for 24 years, Mr. Minchin shook the children by the hand and urged them not to forsake the church.

PARENTS MAY ACT

Some of the parents have decided to organise a petition to the Bishop of Chelmsford.

The vicar's plan is to replace Sunday school teachers by monitors in charge of "wards" and a head monitor.

After the vicar has instructed the children at a catechism service they will be questioned and awarded marks.

A seat will be allotted in the church to each child.

"NO PERSONAL DIFFICULTY"

"The change is in no way due to any personal difficulty between the teachers and myself," said the vicar.

"It is the third church in which I have made this change. In any case surely the children have enough of school during the week."

Fried Chicken "In Rough"

Boise City, Ida. "Chicken in the Rough" is now being served in local restaurants, although it originated at Oklahoma City. It consists merely of chicken cooked in the usual way, but eaten without knife or fork. No holds are banned. Plenty of napkins are provided.

"Sister Act" In Divorce

San Francisco. Although unrelated, Mrs. Edith Arnett and Mrs. Winon Hodges played a "sister act" in Superior Court here. Each asked for a divorce from her respective husband, and each acted as the corroborating witness for the other. Both got interlocutory decrees.

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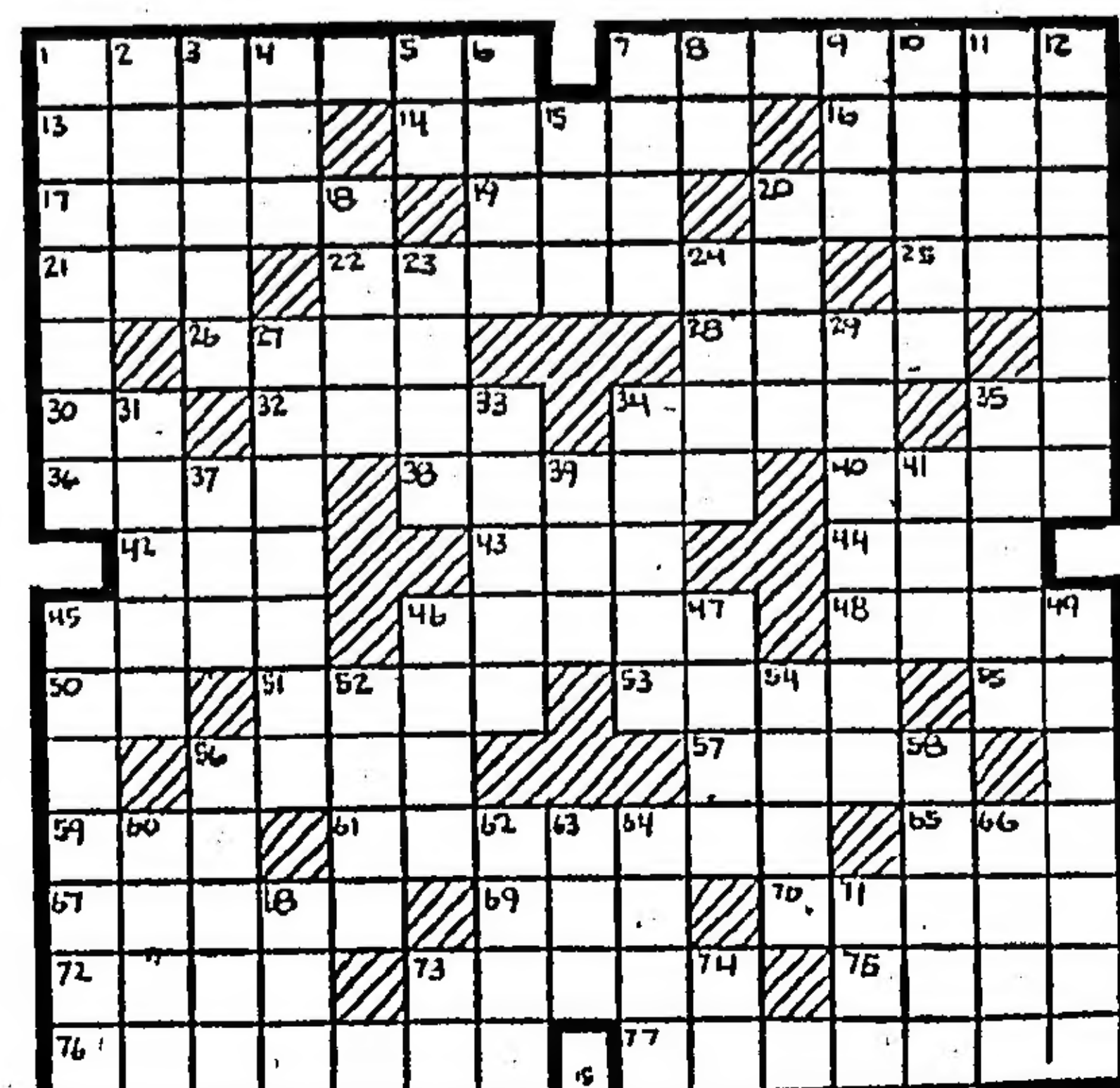
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ACROSS

- One of romance languages
- Exiled monarch
- Country of origin
- Part of foot
- Unit of surface
- Best people
- Civil War general
- Aquatic mammal
- Part of radio
- Receiving system
- Produce with dimples
- Painful
- In the beginning
- Forward
- Stumpy knot
- Letter
- Twenty-two months
- Part of clock
- Triumph
- Heard from
- Hearing organ
- Worthless leaving
- Part of month
- Type of potato
- Part of circumferences
- Editor (abbr.)
- Holler
- Particular
- This boy
- Body of land surrounded by water
- Part of paws
- Unit of resistance
- Olive notice to
- Drawing instrument
- Long
- Writing aid
- Collection of clams

DOWN

- Kind of paint
- Sacred Indian language
- First aim of sodas
- At all events
- Clump
- Carriage
- Under game of
- Carpet
- First sight of sunset
- Migrate
- Disaster
- Use eyes
- Drift
- Device for moving
- Ward
- Widow
- Recite
- Law-like birds
- Person in charge of domestic affairs of ship
- Walk on
- Make menacing sound
- Prized
- Quarrel between thumb and forefinger
- Grass
- Perfect score
- Drift
- Artificial
- Snow vehicle
- Drink excessively
- Like
- At this place
- Small bottle
- Inner particulars
- Give oblique position to
- Wind instrument
- Straight piece of wood
- Piece of cloth
- Prayer: good
- Note of scale



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Lord George Scott pictured with his fiancée, Miss Molly Bishop, outside the London nursing home where the latter has been a patient. As a result of Miss Bishop's illness the wedding has had to be postponed for a short while.

"Dummy Arms Cargo": More Evidence

MORE evidence about a "dummy consignment" was given at Bow-street recently when three men were charged with conspiracy to defraud the director of a Paris arms firm.

Frederick Willing, 50, metal merchant, of Tavistock-court, Tavistock-square, W.C.; his son Jones, 24, Herbert Willing, 24, metal merchant, of Dorset House, and Denis Michael Corrigan, 26, an agent, of Park-lane, W., were charged with conspiring with Chou Tin Shu and others unknown, to cheat M. Theodore Lafitte of £7,250.

They are further charged with attempting to obtain a further £4,000 from M. Lafitte.

STONES AND SHAVINGS

It was alleged that M. Lafitte was told that certain armaments could be obtained from Woolwich Arsenal and was shown fictitious documents purporting to come from the Chinese Embassy.

M. Lafitte agreed to buy 50 machine-guns and half-a-million rounds of ammunition, and paid £7,250.

When the goods arrived at Marseilles the cases were found to contain old stones and tyres, and wood shavings.

ARGUMENT IN FLAT

Leonard Joseph Myloski of Forburg-road, Stoke Newington, an export and import merchant, said he agreed to supply Corrigan with 550 cases of arms and munitions for China.

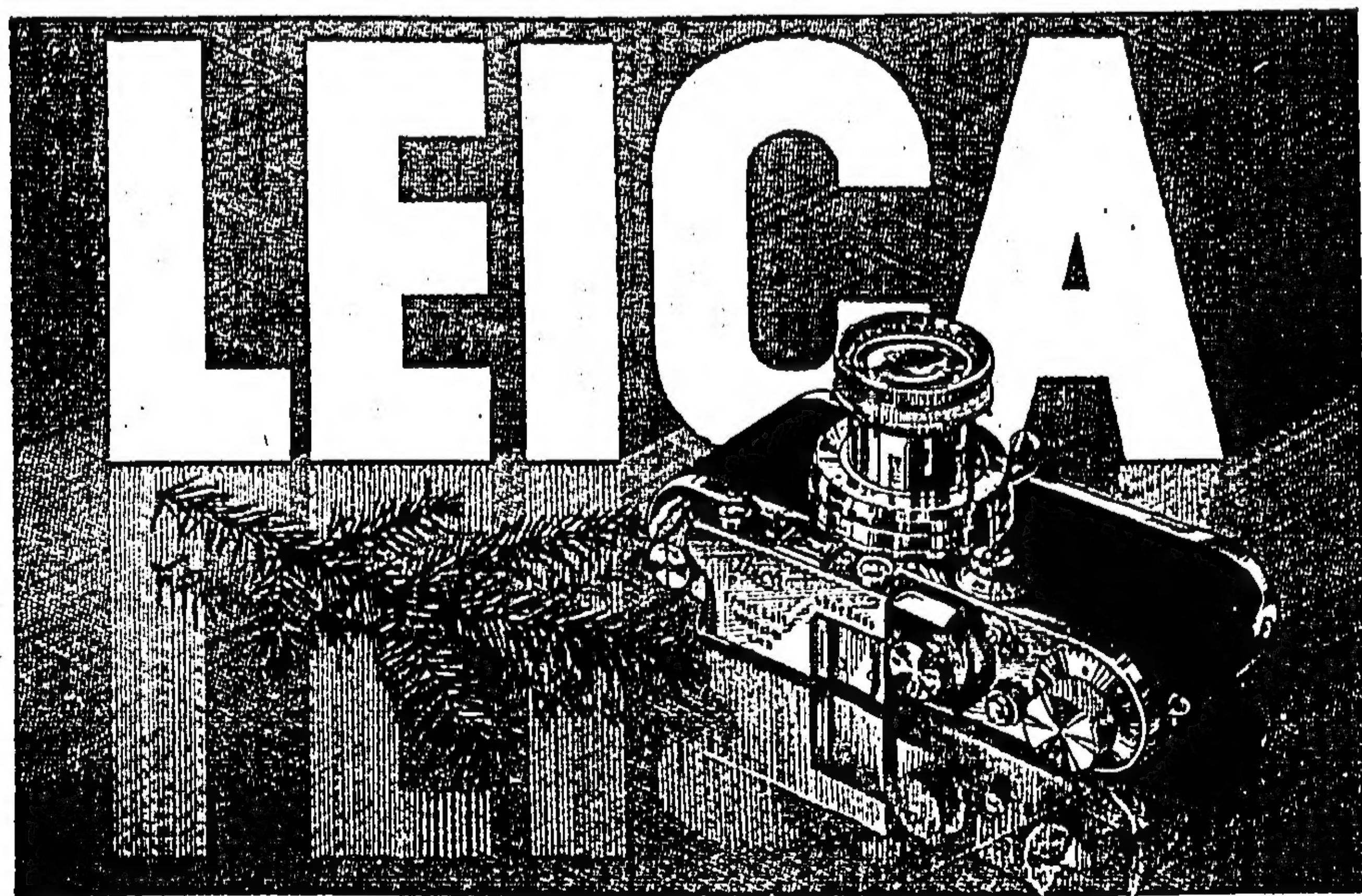
Later Corrigan said he wanted the cases for a dummy consignment as he suspected they were going to Spain. He said the correct consignment was already somewhere on the Continent.

Mr. Myloski said that he heard an altercation in Corrigan's flat between Shu, Corrigan and Frederick Willing. Frederick Willing seemed to want an explanation about his son's detention or arrest in Marseilles.

BY BANK OF CHINA

Mr. Andrew Aitken, assistant manager of the Chase Bank of New York told Mr. Du Cann that the manager of the Bank of China introduced Shu to him.

Did he introduce him as a relative of Chiang Kai-Shek, the Chinese



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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says: "F.E.M. The market remains quiet."

Buyers	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,350
China Underwriters	\$9.70
H.K. & S. Wharves	\$115
H.K. Docks (Old)	\$18 1/4
H.K. Docks (New)	\$17 1/4
Providentia (Old)	\$8.40
H. & S. Hotels	\$6 1/2
H.K. Land	\$25
H.K. Tramways	\$17
Walsons	\$7.45
Entertainments	\$5 1/2
Vibro Filing	\$5 1/2
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2	Loan 9 1/2 p.m.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2	Loan par
Sellers	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,350
China Underwriters	\$9.70
H.K. & S. Wharves	\$115
Yumaiti Forries (Old)	\$22 1/4
Sandakan Light	\$10 1/2
Dairy Farms	\$24 1/2
Lane, Crawford & Co.	\$18
Sales	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,350/40
H.K. Docks (Old)	\$18 1/4
Providentia (Old)	\$8.40
H. & S. Hotels	\$6 1/2
Telephones (Old)	\$25
Walsons	\$7.45
Amiamaks	\$7.50
Atoka	\$24 1/2
Bugulu Gold	\$22
Benguet Consul	\$12.50
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Demonstrations	\$7 1/4
San Maurice	\$1.15
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Hongkong, 21st December, 1938.

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ST. ANDREW'S BALL

For the convenience of Members and Guests of St. Andrew's Society attending the Ball to be held this evening, a special 5 minute service of Star Ferries will run between 9 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. and a special service from Kowloon to Hong Kong will run every 15 minutes between midnight and 1 a.m. and every half hour thereafter until 3 a.m. The Vehicular Ferry Service will be extended until 2 a.m.

The first Supper will be served at 11.15 o'clock p.m. (approx.) and all those desiring to participate therein should be seated in good time before this hour. No reservation of Supper Tables may be made.

Members and Guests are requested to note particularly that ADMISSION TO THE BALL WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY AND THAT THESE CANNOT BE OBTAINED AT THE DOOR OF THE HOTEL.

Entrance to the Hotel will be by the Main Doors, Salisbury Road, only.

Civic Pride Dynamited

An immense white hen, posted along the highway and which for years has served to inform every approaching visitor that the town they were coming to was "Petaling, the World's Egg Basket," is no longer in the advertising business. Someone touched off a stick of dynamite beneath it.

Social Items

A dance will be held in the Hotel Cecil to-morrow night.

The wedding took place yesterday before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, of Mr. Louie Chun-siu, merchant, and Miss Lung Pui-yuk, of 166 Queen's Road West, Hongkong. The witnesses were Messrs. Louie Hok-toi and Lung Ching-hai.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced: Mr. Siu Tun-hui, bank clerk of the National Commercial and Savings Bank, and Miss Ip Yuet-hung, of 230 Shanghai Street, Yaumatei; Mr. Loo Yu-ming, assistant secretary of the China Can Co. Ltd., and Miss Chan Kim-ming, of 14a Canal Road West; Mr. Kwan Shun yuen, bank clerk, and Miss Au Pik-yee, of 135 Fa Yuen Street, Mongkok; Mr. Fok Pak-ming, student, and Miss Tse Siu-kwan, of 40 Village Road; Mr. Kwong Wah-to, alias Mr. Joseph Albert Tossan, office assistant, and Miss Wong Shun-chun, typist of 25 Jordan Road, Kowloon; Mr. Chen Shing-wu, managing director of Jensen & Co., and Miss So Ting-yup, of 1 Wing Wah Terrace, Hongkong; Mr. Lim Kim-chong, merchant, and Miss Kwik Teck-chung, of 20 Fort Street, North Point; Mr. So Chi-chiu, evangelist, and Miss Yuen Shui-wah, student, of 65 Yu Chan Street, Shamshuipo.

The Hongkong Chinese Women's Club would like to be known, in fairness to its donors, that a part of the valuable collection of articles for the bazaar to be held in New York and Paris were contributed through that Club, being on exhibition at the Young Women's Christian Association at the same time as the contributions of the other organisations.

The League of Pals will be holding a Fancy Dress Ball for members and friends at the Kowloon Tong Garden City Club on December 26, commencing at 8.30 p.m. There will be prizes for those coming in fancy dress, and for the others spot dance prizes will be given. An enjoyable time is assured.

The St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship held their Christmas Party yesterday in the Church Hall, a large number attending. An excellent programme of games and amusements was arranged, tea was provided, and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent.

A supper dance was held in the Metropole Hotel on Wednesday under the auspices of the Hotel management and the Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Association. The proceeds will be donated to the Refugee Relief Fund. Music was supplied by the Metro Swing Boys. The Hotel's orchestra, and there were exhibition dances given by Mr. Chan Hing-ying and Miss Chan Yuk. Another dance of the same nature was held last night.

FORMER MENTAL CASE

Sent to Gaol for Chopper Attack on Sister

Having previously stated that he remembered using the chopper on his sister, but that he did not recall the details of the incident, a man named Tse Siu-long, 25, stated yesterday, "I have no grudge against her. It was a moment's wrong action," when he appeared on remand before Mr. G. A. Macfarlane at the Kowloon Magistracy. It was said at a previous hearing that defendant suddenly attacked his sister with a chopper as she was standing on the verandah of her house in Yunnan Street. The woman received injuries to the head. The defendant was formerly in the mental hospital. Tse was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Commuter Rides 50 Years

WASHINGTON, Del. George A. Salaman, of Wilmington, spent more than two years on railroad trains while commuting between Philadelphia and Wilmington during the past 50 years. Salaman figured he has travelled 850,000 miles during that time.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Steamship "JEAN LABORDE" 3/A/30

Bringing Cargo from Marseilles via Saigon, etc., arrived Hongkong on Friday, 23rd December, 1938. Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. All claims must be sent in to me on or before 3rd January, 1939, or they will not be recognized. Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 29th December, 1938.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1938.

COMMONS ATTACK ON DRUG POSITION IN FAR EAST

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aimed at the systematic demoralisation of the Chinese people.

He thought that the diagnosis which most correctly fitted this extremely grave position was some-what as follows: reports we receive from North China seem to confirm the statements made at the meeting of the Opium Advisory Committee last June.

In North China, before the Japanese occupation in 1937, an attempt was being made by the Chinese Central Government to enforce drastic opium and narcotic laws which they promulgated in 1935.

There are indications that they were, to some extent, being successful.

Since the Japanese occupation of this region, these deterrents to a large extent have disappeared. It is as these deterrents disappear that the position seems to get worse.

Mr. Butler proceeded to say that in February over 30 Chinese Government ordinances were repealed by the Peiping Provisional Government, and in May it was announced that the Peiping tax administration had decided to allow the opening of 300 opium dens.

The Provisional Government had issued certain ordinances for the control of the traffic, the effect of which it was not yet possible to estimate.

POSITION IN PEIPING

It was found to give the House the information he possessed, and it appeared to His Majesty's Government, that since the formal repeal of the Chinese Government's ordinances, opium pipes and smoking accessories began to be offered openly for sale on stalls and in the markets at Peiping.

Innumerable drug stores were opened, until at the present, there was scarcely a single store where drugs could not be bought openly and indulged in.

Viscount Halifax had no definite information beyond the published budget figures of 1938 regarding Manchuria, but a report from the British representative there.

The conditions in Central China did not appear to be so serious. The Nanjing Provisional Government had recently promulgated ordinances with united mind and action, to fight for the final victory. Members of the Korean People's Party will follow loyally the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang, to co-operate with Chinese for the purpose of defeating Japan, restoring the Korean nation, for justice and for peace."—Central News.

Mr. Butler said that, taken together with the information he gave about the growth of heroin, it would seem there had been distinct increases in these various parts of the Far East. The Government's view was that there had been an increase in the traffic.

JAPANESE ATTITUDE

Viscount Halifax had no information on the attitude of the Japanese military authorities to the trade in heroin, which appeared chiefly to emanate from Tientsin, and so often carried on by Korean camp followers.

The Government intended to continue a close examination of the matter in company with other governments, as that was preferable to individual action.

The matter was then dropped.—Reuter.

FAREWELL LETTER BY FINANCIER

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and received less pay to make something out of work for the interests of all."

The acting United States attorney, Mr. Noonan said that the Federal authorities had evidence that at least eight people, who knew Coster in the early days as an ex-convict, had profited financially from that knowledge.—Reuter.

I. R. A. Leaders In Belfast Round-Up

Belfast, Dec. 22. It is officially stated that in an all-night round-up, the authorities arrested 24 leaders and members of the Irish Republican Army on charges of plotting violence, and allegedly planning to attack prominent citizens and property during "the Christmas and New Year periods."—United Press.

Christmas Relief Work In China

London, Dec. 22. According to the Daily Telegraph's Washington correspondent, a similar plan to that arranged for Spain is also being carried out by the Red Cross for relief of suffering in China.—Reuter.

WANG CHING-WEI IN CHUNGKING

Mr. T. V. Soong, the prominent Chinese statesman who has been residing in the Colony, stated last night that the press report on Mr. Wang Ching-wei's arrival in Hanan from Chungking by plane on Monday was groundless.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Vice-President of Kuomintang and concurrently Chairman of the Central Political Council, was seen in Chungking on Wednesday. It is learned from good authority, planning to hold a memorial service for the late General Chiang Kai-shek.

PLEDGE BY KOREANS TO GOVERNMENT

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and national reconstruction, will be accomplished. This belief is not only held by the 450,000,000 Chinese people, but also by the 30,000,000 Koreans.

LIVE LIKE ANIMALS

"It has been 20 years now since Korea was conquered by Japan. During these 20 years, under the principle of 'interior extension', 30,000,000 Koreans have been forced to live like animals.

"The sufferings and oppressions we Koreans have been receiving are beyond imagination. Those who cannot endure any longer the Japanese oppression have moved to the Chinese Three Eastern Provinces, to share the destiny of the Chinese brethren there.

"Since the beginning of the present war, the Japanese military had had a severe lesson. Comrades of the Korean People's Party have all risen to revenge the grievances of these 20 years, and to fight for justice, peace, and the mother country. Only the lack of strength has made large-scale rebellion impossible. But anti-Japanese activities have never ceased for a single day.

"China and Korea are historically related. Both nations have been subjected to Japanese aggression in the past scores of years. Korea has been enslaved, conquered, but her spirit of resistance is in no way different from that of China. The Koreans believe that when China wins in her war of resistance, all the weak and small nations will be benefited, emancipated, and can return to a state of freedom and equality.

"Generalissimo Chiang recently issued a message to the Chinese people, expounding with great determination the true meaning of prolonged resistance. He asked that the people must face the present situation with greater fortitude, greater courage, greater capacity for sufferings and hardships, in order to contribute to the consolidation of national strength for nationwide prolonged resistance and bring about the ultimate victory. This message has not only pointed the right way in enemy resistance and national reconstruction, but also been a lesson to Koreans in their bitter struggle for their national independence.

"From now on, it is necessary that Chinese and Korean comrades be prepared to face the crisis with greater fortitude and patience, and with united mind and action, to fight for the final victory. Members of the Korean People's Party will follow loyally the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang, to co-operate with Chinese for the purpose of defeating Japan, restoring the Korean nation, for justice and for peace."—Central News.

AGREEMENT NO LONGER VALID, SAY ITALIANS

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Italian circles had no legal existence.

The opposite view, however, has been held by the French Government. The attitude which France will now adopt is not yet known, but political circles here believe that the French Government will take its stand on the terms of the memorandum addressed by it to the Italian Government in April, 1938, which is said to have stressed the French Government's readiness to settle all outstanding differences between the two countries.

The well-known French political writer, "Perrinax," affirms in his paper "Ordre," that the memorandum also emphasised the standpoint of the French Government that concessions made to Italy, particularly with regard to Tunis by the 1935 agreement, must be considered as the extreme limits of concessions to which France was prepared to go.—Trans-Ocean.

Air Mail Service Across Atlantic

Washington, Dec. 22. The United States civil aeronautics authority stated to-day that it was engaged with discussions with the State Department and other Government agencies for "looking toward the early establishment of the trans-Atlantic air service."

It added that lawyers for Imperial Airways had filed an application with the authority for a permit to inaugurate a trans-Atlantic service.

The application was referred to the Company's London officials for execution, and cannot receive final consideration until this, and other technical requirements had been fulfilled.—Reuter.

Goebbels Suffering With Influenza

Berlin, Dec. 22. The Reich Minister of Propaganda, Dr. Josef Goebbels, is suffering from acute intestinal influenza, and will be confined to his bed for several days, it was announced here this evening.

He will therefore be unable to speak at the large Christmas festival planned for Friday evening, and will, instead, be represented by the Reich Commissioner for Winter Relief, Herr Hilgenfeldt.—Trans-Ocean.

Quarter-million Amusement Seekers

New York. A quarter of a million persons at one time can be accommodated in the 280-acre Amusement Zone of the New York World's Fair 1939.

NOTICE

For the convenience of Christmas Shoppers, business hours of the undermentioned Stores will be as follows:—

DECEMBER 21st	From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
" 22nd	From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
" 23rd	From 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
" 24th	From 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

On Christmas Day all our Stores will be closed, but will be RE-OPEN on December 26th As Usual.

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THE SUN CO., LTD.
CHINA EMPORIUM, LTD.
THE SINCERE CO., LTD.

POST OFFICE.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On Monday, December 26 and Tuesday, December 27, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m., and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes each day on Sundays and one delivery of Registered and Ordinary correspondence each day at 11.30 a.m.

The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and On Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11.00 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

MAIL FOR CANTON

Registered and ordinary mails (not insured or parcels) will be accepted for Canton and despatched as circumstances permit.

MAIL LETTERS

Ordinary letter mail only for West Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Szechwan, Kweichow and Hunan will be accepted at senders' risk.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and Postcards for Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILES

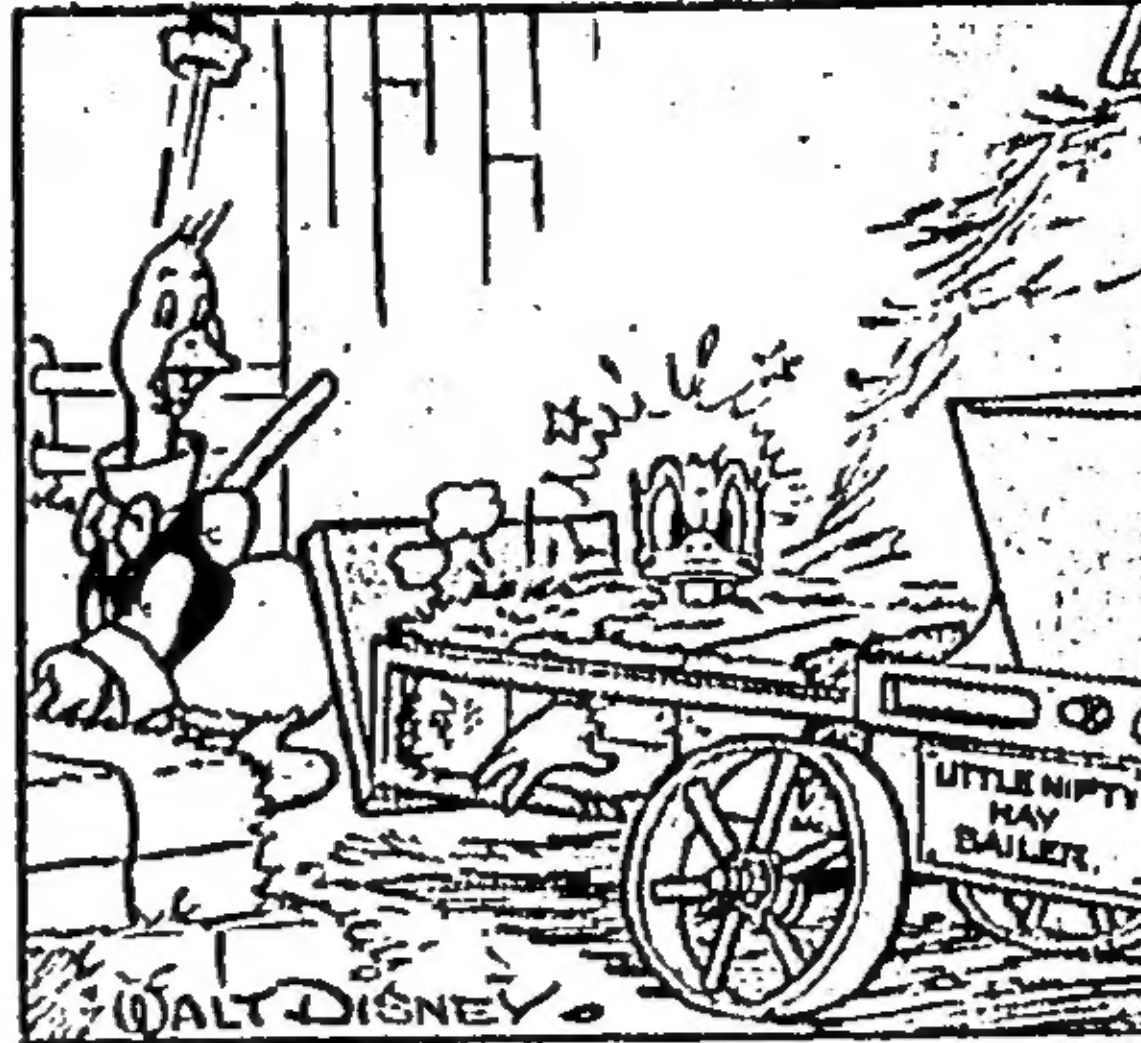
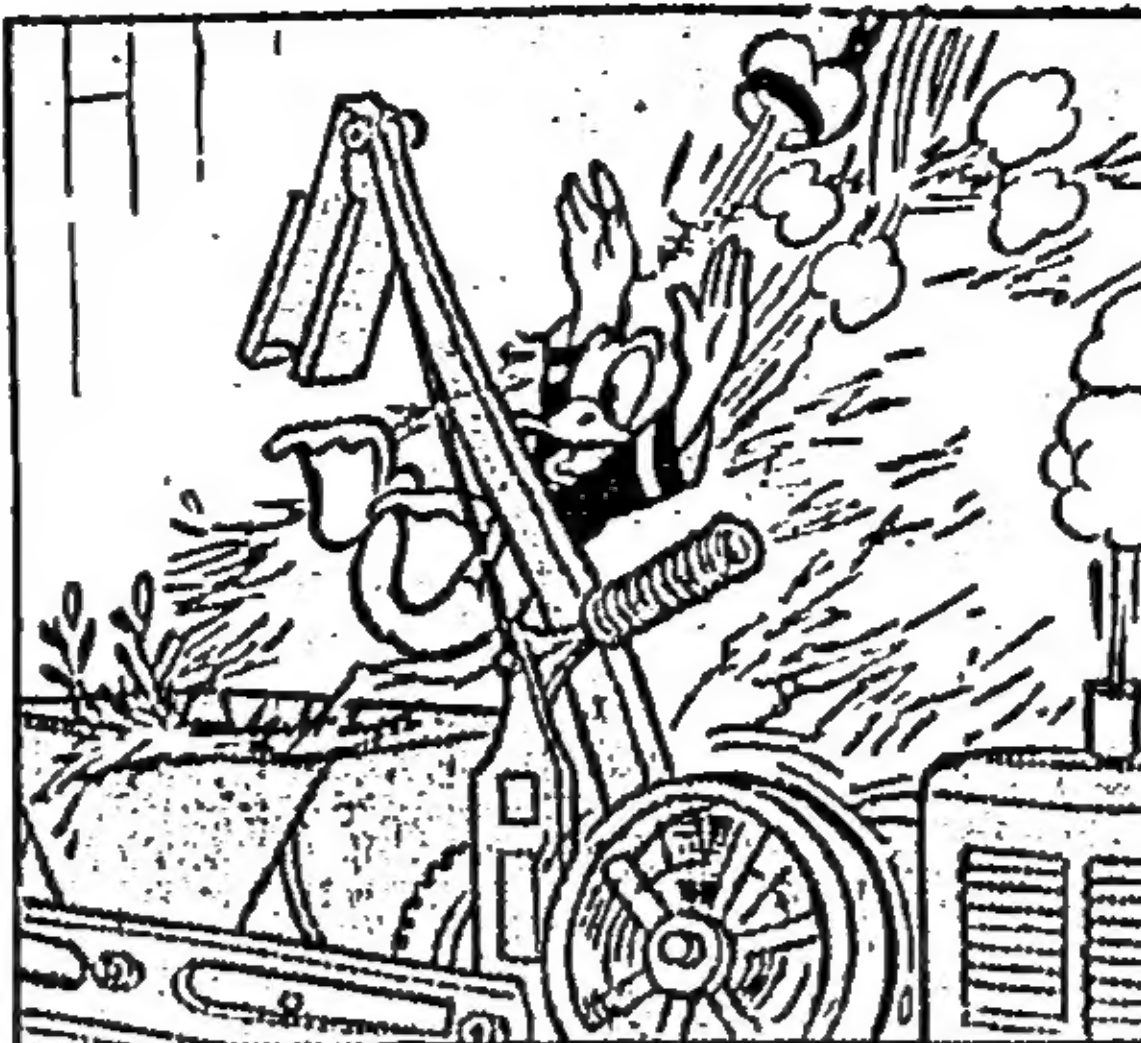
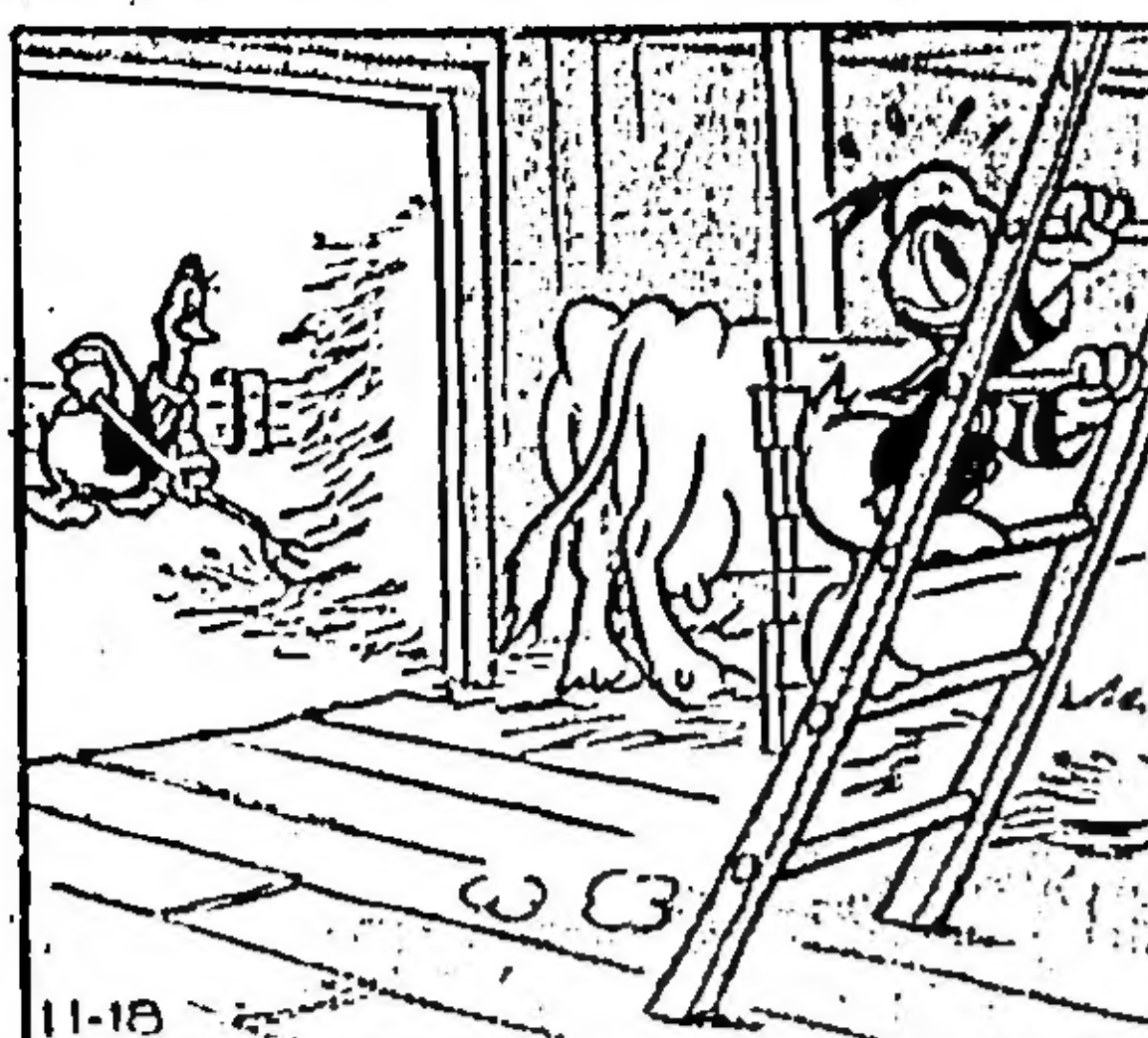
From	Per	Date
Shanghai	Conte-Blancmanano	December 23.
Saigon	Jean Laborde	December 23.
Japan	Atuta Maru	December 24.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways"	Imperial Airways Plane	December 24.
18th December.	Marchal Joffre	December 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Tusima Maru	December 24.
Yunnan	Yunnan	December 24.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Bhutan	December 25.
Straits	Piemus	December 25.
Manila	President Taft	December 25.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—Sun	Szechuen	December 25.
France, date 2nd December	British Monarch	December 26.
Shanghai and Swatow	Menecheus	December 26.
Japan and Shanghai	Pleasantville	December 26.
Manila	Canton	December 27.
Haiphong	Kulgan	December 27.
Bangkok and Hoihow	Van Heulst	December 27.
Straits		

OUTWARD MAILES

For	Per	Date and Time.
Parcels only for Rangoon	Hong Kong	Fri., Dec. 23, 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Sagres	Fri., Dec. 23, 3 p.m.
Manila and Naples—due Naples, 14th January 1939.	Conte-Blancmanano	Fri., Dec. 23, 4.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and Corfu	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Fri., Dec. 23, 8 p.m.
South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th January, 1939.	Parcels	Dec. 23, 9.45 a.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 24, 10.30 a.m.

Saturday	
Manila, Australia and New Zealand Atuta Maru	Sat., Dec. 24, 9.15 a.m.
via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 5th January, 1939.	K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Air Mail for "K. L. M. Airways Corfu Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 3rd January, 1939.	Reg. Dec. 24, 9.15 a.m. Ord. Dec. 24, 10 a.m.
Air Mail for "Air France Service"—due Marseilles, 8th January, 1939.	G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg. Dec. 24, 9.30 a.m. Ord. Dec. 24, 10 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways"—due London, 10th January, 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane G. F. O. and K. F. O. Reg. Dec. 24, 1.30 p.m. Ord. Dec. 24, 2 p.m.
Saigon	Marechal Joffre Sat., Dec. 24, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Sulyang Sat., Dec. 24, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anhui Sat., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
Sunday	
Swatow and Shanghai	Sinkiang Sun., Dec. 25, 8.30 a.m.
Tientsin	Kwangsun Sun., Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
Manila	President Taft Sun., Dec. 25, 9 a.m.

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MORE DIVANS RAIDED

Kowloon Keepers To Pay The Penalty

Raid by Revenue Officer E. T. Warden on opium and heroin divans in the Yau Ma Tei District on Wednesday, resulted in the arrest of several Chinese, on whom heavy fines and terms of imprisonment were imposed when they appeared before Mr. E. H. Hingworth at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Chan Cheung of 66 Tai Nam Street, was fined a total of \$450, in default of eight months and seven weeks, when he admitted keeping a heroin divan, possession of 128 pills, and possession of heroin pills.

Fines totalling \$310, in default of a term of eight months imprisonment were imposed on Sam Shing of 68 Tai Nam Street, on charges of keeping an opium divan, possession of prepared non-Government opium, possession of 314 heroin pills, and possession of heroin pills. He was also sentenced to a further six months without the option, for keeping a heroin divan.

Yu Tip of 301 Reclamation Street, was fined a total of \$260 or seven months when he admitted charges of keeping an opium divan, possession of 1,4 mace of prepared non-Government opium, and possession of heroin pills and 174 heroin pills. He was also sentenced to six months for keeping a heroin divan.

Mo Chan, of 35 Po Kong Road, was fined \$130 or four months in default, on two counts of keeping an opium divan and possession of prepared non-Government opium.

Chan Tai, of 43 Po Kong Road, was fined \$110 or four months when he admitted charges of keeping an opium divan and possession of 2 mace of prepared non-Government opium.

Fong Kan, of 203 Tai Nam Street, admitted two charges of keeping an opium divan and possession of 2 mace of prepared non-Government opium. He was fined \$110 or four months imprisonment.

Fines totalling \$160 were imposed on Ho Kam, of 291 Tai Nam Street, when he admitted having kept an opium divan and possession of 1,3 mace of non-Government opium. In default, he will undergo three months and one week.

For possession of non-Government opium and keeping an opium divan, Au Yung-fong, of 622 Reclamation Street, was fined \$100 or four-and-a-half months.

Yu Fook, of 623 Reclamation Street, was fined a total of \$210 on charges of keeping an opium divan and possession of one mace of opium, in default, five months.

For keeping an opium divan in 843 Canton Road, and possession of 17

HONGKONG SINGERS

Concert Practices To Resume Shortly

The regular weekly practices of the Hongkong Singers have been interrupted over the holiday season, and will be resumed on Monday, January 9, at 5.30 p.m. in the Union Church, Kennedy Road, as usual. It is hoped that present members will resume attendance in force, while a hearty welcome will be extended to any new members who may care to join in the work of the Society.

The next big concert by the Singers will be given towards the end of March. The programme will include "Rio Grande," a setting of a Sacherelli Sitwell poem by Constant Lambert for Piano and Alto soloists, Chorus and Orchestra; Dyson's "In Honour of the City," for Chorus and Orchestra, the words being part of a 16th century poem by William Dunbar in praise of London; a setting of Milton's ode, "Ring Out, Ye Crystal Spheres," for Chorus and Orchestra, by Dr. Harold Darke; and Parry's well-known "Blest Pair of Syrens." Copies of the Lambert and Darke works may be obtained from the Tsang Fook Piano Co., where there are also a few copies of Dr. Dyson's work to be had. Past members of the Chorus who have no further use for their copies of the Parry setting, are asked to hand them in for sale or loan to present members to Messrs. Tsang Fook's. A great deal of time has already been spent on the works to be performed, and it is confidently expected that the Singers' next concert will worthily uphold the standard and traditions which the society has already established.

Eagles Raid Turkeys

Payson, Ariz. To some the American eagle is a noble bird, but to Mrs. Will Cohen it is no better than a vulture. Eagles intrude upon Mrs. Cohen's large turkey flock even more than do coyotes, swooping down swiftly to seize turkeys before there is time to stop them with either gun or dog.

mace of non-Government opium, Li Tung was fined \$180, or five months.

Ng Pak, of 845 Canton Road, was fined \$120 or four months for keeping an opium divan and possession of 4 mace of non-Government opium.

Leung Man, of 65 Shanghai Street, was fined \$180 or five months for keeping an opium divan and possession of 1,3 mace of non-Government opium.

Mr. Hingworth ordered the confiscation of all drugs and paraphernalia.

HEROIN PILLS

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed on So Ping, 19, unemployed, by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday, for possession of 299 heroin pills at Hillier Street. He was also recommended for banishment.

"CINDERELLA" OPENS

Christmas Pantomime At European Y.M.C.A.

Only the limitations of the stage prevented the presentation of Cinderella by the Y.M.C.A. players last night from being a first-class production.

Acting honours went to the Two Ugly Sisters (Robert Henderson and Willie Simpson) whose clowning was far above anything else, except the performance of the juvenile dancers. Cinderella (Eva Turner) gave the best song of the evening in Fanciful Fanfou, next in order being the Oh Foolish Fay, sung by the Fairy Godmother (Helen Lockhart).

Tribute should be paid to the witty dialogue which was not fully appreciated by the audience. Stage settings, especially the transformation scene, were worthy of better performances by some members of the chorus. Mention should be made of the difficult task of Muriel Smith, as The Prince, who was unfortunately miscast.

The whole production was rendered with a swing which is seldom seen in amateur shows, the five dancers of the chorus being the chief driving force.

More might have been made of the Proclamation (Jack Boomer) who in his few appearances was always convincing. Criticism can be made of the last but one song of the show, which was out of place.

The juvenile chorus gave the best multi-part of the evening in the mock Cinderella scene in the last act, though the only clamours for encore from the audience were ignored.—A. W. S.

JAMES AGATE LIKES TO GET

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lady reasonably like Miss Mae West with a talent for closing one masera'd eyelid and ejaculating a provocative "So what?"

LET me conclude with a word about Christmas cards. If anybody wants to send me one, let it not be a photograph of a distortion by Modigliani or Matisse. Send me, I pray you, a view of a country church half-buried in frosted snow through which villagers are making their way without disturbing the robin redbreasts hopping about the foreground.

LONG TOW ENDS

Sirdhana Arrives With Japanese Trawler

An eventful 500-mile tow was completed when the B.I.S.N. Company's steamer Sirdhana arrived in Hongkong early yesterday morning. At the harbour limits a tug relieved her of her charge, a large Japanese fishing trawler, and she came to her berth at Kowloon two days behind schedule.

Bound from Singapore, the Sirdhana was just south of the Paracel Islands when the launch was noticed, flying a flag beneath a basket to indicate that she was in distress. She was wallowing helplessly in a fairly heavy sea, and a bad list to port made it appear that she had taken some water aboard.

A line was first floated to her on a lifebuoy, but this did not hold and the Sirdhana then fired a rocket line aboard, being successful against a difficult wind in one shot. However, no-one on the trawler spoke English and it was so difficult to reach a mutual understanding that the captain of the trawler at last decided to come on board the Sirdhana and did so by swimming the few yards between the two vessels.

It was then possible for Captain P. Fairbairn, of the Sirdhana, to learn of the trawler's mishap, but only through a complex, amusing system of interpretation. Captain Fairbairn spoke in English to the interpreter, who passed his words on in Chinese to a Chinese cook, the only other on board who could speak Chinese, who then spoke to the trawler's captain in Japanese.

It was learnt that the trawler, Fookwing Maru, a motor vessel, was from Tamsui, Formosa, which it left on December 2. Three days before the Sirdhana had sighted her at 8 a.m. on Monday she had broken her crankshaft and had since been rolling helplessly. She had on board a catch of 30,000 lb., consisting mostly of great garoupa weighing up to 250 lb.

Bits Carried Away

The two vessels proceeded quietly for four hours, when a stop had to be made for some adjustments, and for the rest of Monday and all Tuesday there was no interruption and the Sirdhana hoped to make Hongkong by Wednesday afternoon. On Wednesday, however, the sea got up and in the forenoon the bits holding the line on the trawler carried clean away.

To make a new line fast in the heavy sea was a ticklish task and it was after 3 p.m. before the two

VALEDICTORY

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tracy Leaving To-day

Leaving to-day by Empress of Russia, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tracy, accompanied by their daughter Helen, sever a long connection with the Far East.

In 1909, Mr. Tracy joined the old Standard Oil Company in New York, and in 1911 transferred to Singapore. Since then he has been manager at Penang, Assistant Manager for Straits and Dutch East Indies, and Assistant General Manager at Hongkong, in which capacity he has been Acting General Manager during the greater part of the past two years. Although yet under 50, he is leaving under the Company's plan permitting retirement after thirty years of service.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy will join their son, who is at school in America, and will probably settle in the eastern part of the United States.

Following a round of private farewell parties, Mr. Denis Blake entertained them at a cocktail party at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club on Tuesday evening, when in the presence of a large number of guests Mr. N. V. A. Croucher on behalf of the members presented a memento in the form of nautical symbols mounted on a blackwood stand.

On Wednesday evening the Executive Staff of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company entertained at dinner at the American Club, when in the company of nearly a hundred guests Mr. and Mrs. Tracy were presented with a pair of silver trays suitably engraved, and a travelling case, all the gift of his business associates.

ships were again under way. With hope of making port before nightfall came, the Sirdhana reduced speed and no further incident occurred before her arrival in Hongkong.

Informing that the captain of the Sirdhana had appealed for a tug, the Japanese Consul-General had a tug sent to meet the ship at the harbour limits. He has informed the owners in Formosa of his action and whether they will arrange a tow to Formosa or seek to have repairs effected in Hongkong is not yet known.

Several of the Sirdhana's passengers who wished to catch the Carthage at Hongkong for Shanghai were a little concerned at the delay, but they were in time to make the connection. Otherwise they rather enjoyed the unusual happening, one passenger lamenting because his cinecamera chose to jam just when the best pictures were available.

The Sirdhana leaves early this morning for Japan.

"Under the Red Duster" A London Relay

HOTEL ORCHESTRA

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on a Frequency of 843 kc's, and on Short Wave from 6-11 p.m. on 9.52 m.c.s. per second.

6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) You and me, (b) There's honey on the moon to-night, (c) Foolin' myself, (d) Joseph Joseph!

6.14 Record: Frankie Romeo (Carlton); There's Only Five Bullets in My Old Six Shooter (Roberts).

6.21 (a) Where in the world, (b) Santa Claus is comin' to town (c) I've got a date with a Dream (d) Don't cross your fingers, Cross your Heart.

6.35 Record: Cinema Memories.... Organ Solo by Quentin M. Macdonald.

6.44 (a) Moonlight and Shadows, (b) Volga Boatman Swing, (c) Tonight we love, (d) China-Town.

7.00 Closing local Stock Quotations. 7.02 A Spanish Programme including songs by Conchita Supervia and Alibi Suite Iberia.

Suite Iberia (Albeniz).... Madrid Symphony Orchestra cond. by Enrique Fernandez Arbos; Senir Gilano (Mora-de Aquino-Munoz Arcenillas); Un Barberillo Alegre (Medina-Villa-Prado).... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-soprano) with Orchestra; Danza-Espanola-No. 8 (Granados).... Madrid Symphony Orchestra cond. by Enrique Fernandez Arbos; Goyescas-Intermezzo (Granados).... Fabio Casals (Cello) with Piano accomp. by N. Mednikoff; Lamento Borincano (Hernandez-art. Brito).... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-soprano) with Orchestra; La Rosa Oriental (Espigul).... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-soprano) with Orchestra.

7.40 Tino Rossi (Vocal) and Orchestra Mascotte.

Souvenir De Mons Lisa-Waltz (Goschek); Idylle Passionnelle-Waltz (Razigade).... Orchestra Mascotte; Il Existe Une Blonde (Gardoni-Chavolt); Paname-Ville D'Amour (Gardoni-Chavolt).... Tino Rossi (Vocal) with Orchestra; The Last Letter-Waltz (Reggiov); Twinkling Light-Reggiov; Medley (from Operette "Der Obersteiger".... Orchestra Mascotte.

8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Next week's programme.

8.08 Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Patricia Rossborough, Harry Crouson, and Barnabas von Gezy and His Orchestra.

Six 'Hit' Medley-No. 5....Harry

Crouson (Organ) with Ken Beaumont (Vocal); Vocal-No Strings (from "Top Hat"); Isn't This A Lovely Day-(From "Top Hat").... Ginger Rogers with Victor Young and His Orchestra; Orch.-Southern Skies (Kunneke); Red Lips (Kolscher).... Barnabas von Gezy and His Orchestra; Vocal-Pick Yourself Up-Fox-Trot (from "Swing Time"); Never Gonna Dance (film "Swing Time").... Fred Astaire accomp. by Johnny Green's Orchestra with Johnny Green at the Piano; Piano-Dream Too Much-Selection; Lime-light-Selection.... Patricia Rossborough; Orch.-Free And Easy (Porschmann); Gipsy Wine (Ritter).... Barnabas von Gezy and His Orchestra; Vocal-Gertrude Lawrence Medley.... Gertrude Lawrence (Soprano) with Orchestra; Orch.-Sisiliana (Apollonio); Blue Skies (Riser).... Barnabas von Gezy and His Orchestra; Organ and Piano-By The Waters Of Minnetonka (Lieurance); Bird Songs At Eventide (Eric Coates).... H. Robinson Cleaver and Patricia Rossborough.

9.00 London Relay—"Food for Thought."

Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.20 Three songs by Norman Allin (Bass).

When Song Is Sweet (Sans-Soud); Father O'Flynn (Graves arr. Villiers Stanford); Rocked In The Cradle Of The Deep (Willard and Knight).... with Orchestra.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Boehrting-Concerto In B Flat Major.

Paul Casals (Cello) and The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir London Ronald.

10.15 London Relay—"Under The Red Duster."

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11.00 Close Down.

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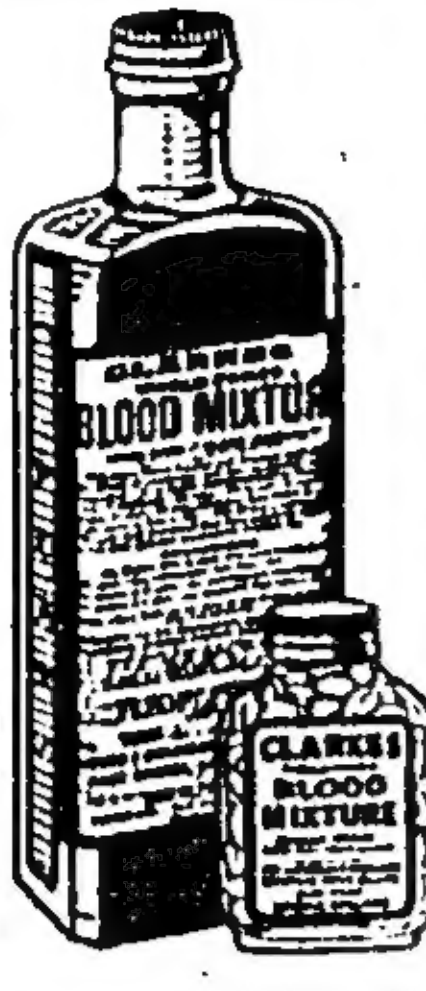
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TRICK ALLEGED

Defendant States Story Complete Fabrication

Charged with obtaining \$19,000 from a widow by a confidence trick, Li Hei-ting, master of the Yu Hai Leung Import and Export Firm, Connaught Road Central, appeared at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, who returned from furlough on Wednesday, was welcomed back by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada Jr., who was instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva for the prosecution. Mr. D. J. N. Anderson was instructed by Mr. G. S. Hughes-Jones for the defence.

Complainant in the case was Chiu Li-tze, widow, of No. 19, Village Road, and the alleged trickery took place in December.

The following Jury was empanelled: Messrs. G. A. Lawrence (Foreman), S. K. Heiberg, F. M. Garcia, E. A. Noronha, D. L. Ballantyne, Lim Kim-chong and Au Chung-yue. An objection to the Chinese members of the Jury by defendant was disallowed by Sir Atholl. The reason given was that they may have been known to the complainant.

In his opening, Mr. D'Almada said complainant's husband had died ten years ago and left her \$100,000. About December last year she obtained a loan on certain shares to make up the sum of \$20,000 for a Canton firm in which she was interested. This was eventually not required, and she found a sum of money on hand with nothing to do with it. She then instructed a man named Choy Ling-shui, whom she had known for several years, to inform her if there was any property for sale, as she wanted to invest the money.

This broker later introduced her to Li Hei-ting, who was alleged to be the owner of No. 1 Morrison Hill Road. A certain amount of bargaining for the property took place, the price finally being brought down from \$25,000 to \$19,000.

Complainant agreed to buy the place after inspecting it, and was told to go up to 13 Connaught Road Central with the money to complete the sale. Complainant took the money along accompanied by her daughter-in-law. She met defendant at Connaught Road Central, and was asked if she had brought the money. She replied that it was in her purse.

Taken to Bank

Li then told her that it would be safer for him to take charge of the money, as she would have to give

it to him sooner or later. On leaving the premises, the party went to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, as Li told her the deeds were in his safe deposit box.

On arriving at the Bank, complainant and her daughter-in-law were told to wait outside. After about 20 minutes, defendant failed to return, and complainant returned to the shop in Connaught Road Central.

On seeing Li two weeks later, she was told to wait for the money, and that if she went to the Police she would not get it back.

She had visited Li's office many times later, but when she could not locate the broker Choy, a report was made to the Police, and Li was arrested on November 18.

Li-tze, in evidence, said that she had not taken action earlier because she had trusted the broker Choy, and she had hoped to get the money back from Li later.

Mr. Anderson then said that the only sum of money owing to her was \$900, a gambling debt which was lost by Li to her at a fan-tan game at his house. This was denied by Chiu, who said she never gambled.

It was further suggested that she had lost \$3,000 by gambling, and that she had pressed Li for the \$900 throughout 1938. This was also denied by witness who said she had never gambled with Li.

Other evidence was called, and then defendant testified. He said he met complainant last year through a person named Li Sze-ko. Chiu had played mahjong with his concubine, and often the game was changed to fan-tan.

Li said he had never told Chiu that he was the owner of No. 1 Morrison Hill Road, and there was not a bit of truth in the accusation that he had taken \$19,000 of her money. The whole case was a complete fabrication, and the reason was because Chiu had been living extravagantly and had lost a lot of money in gambling. The case was being brought to account for the loss of her money to her family.

Hearing was adjourned until this morning.

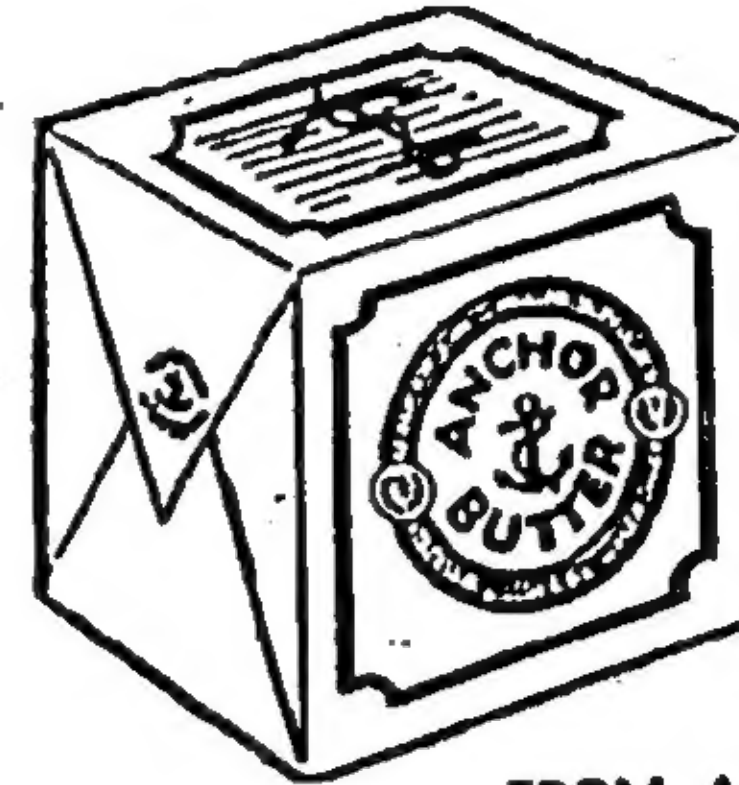
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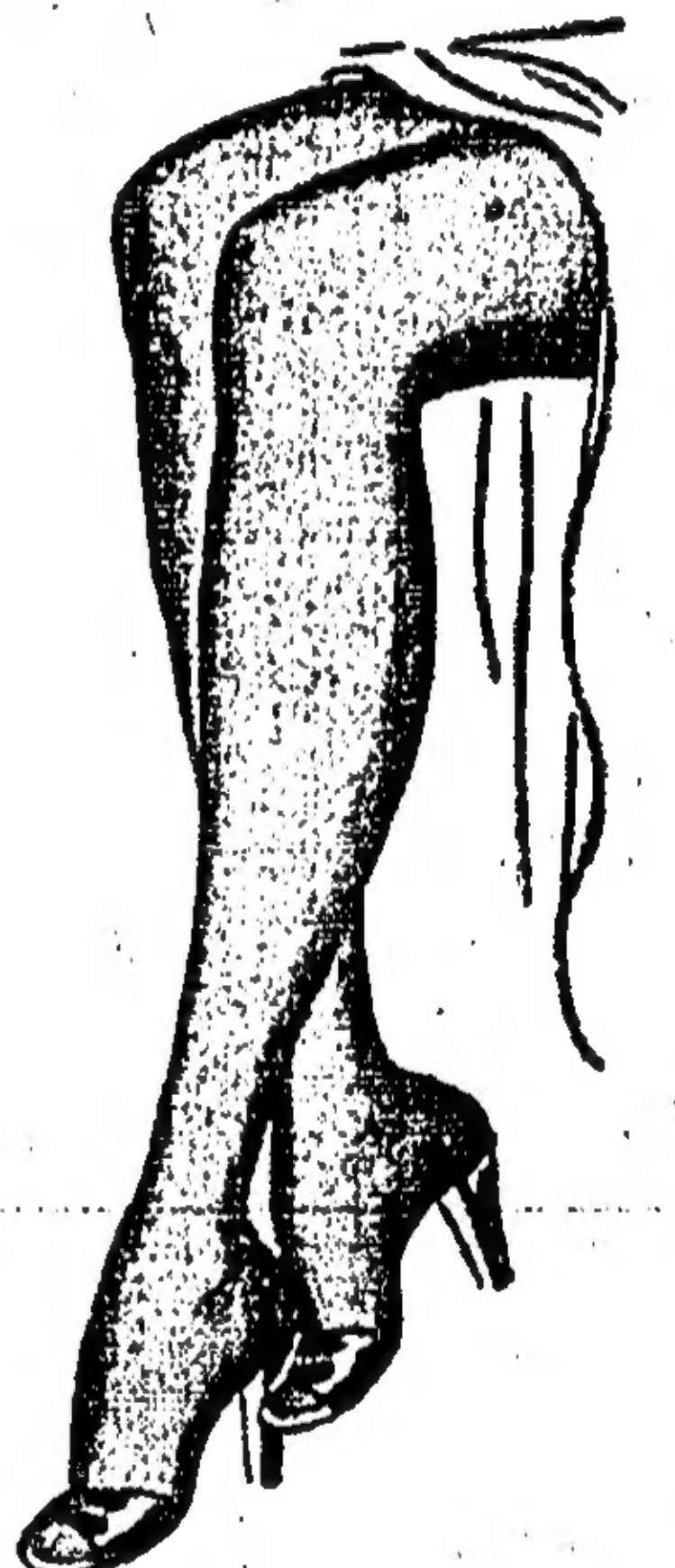
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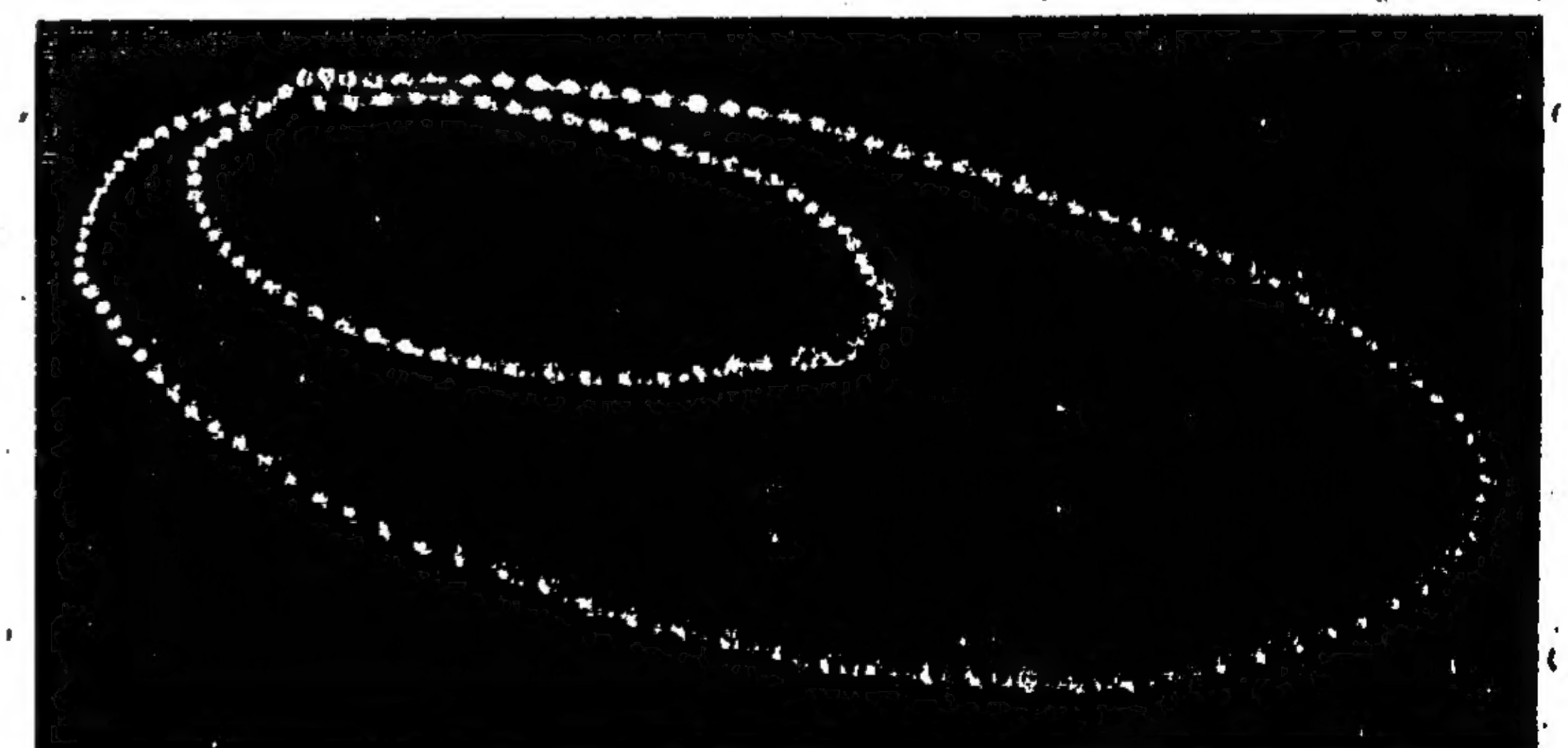


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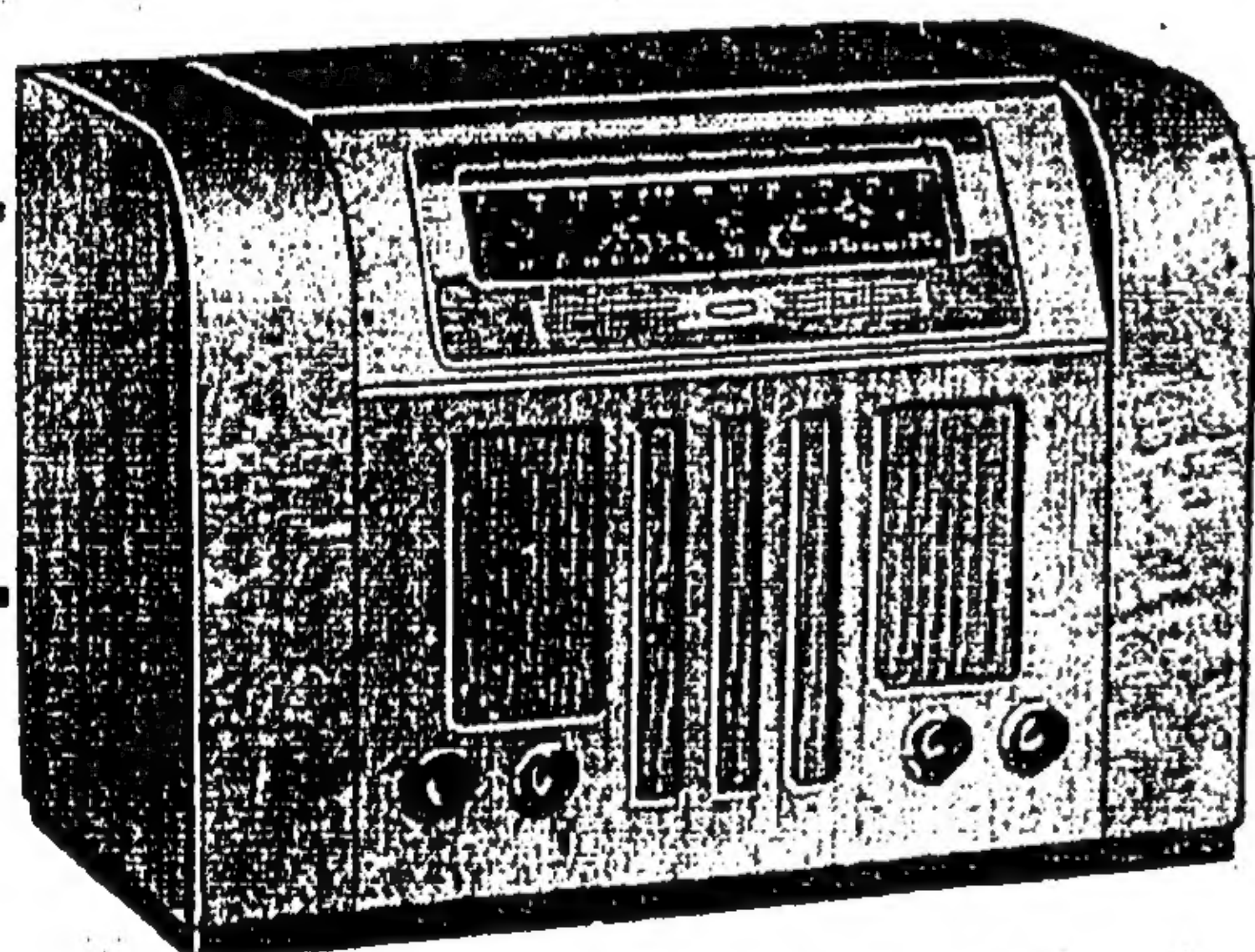
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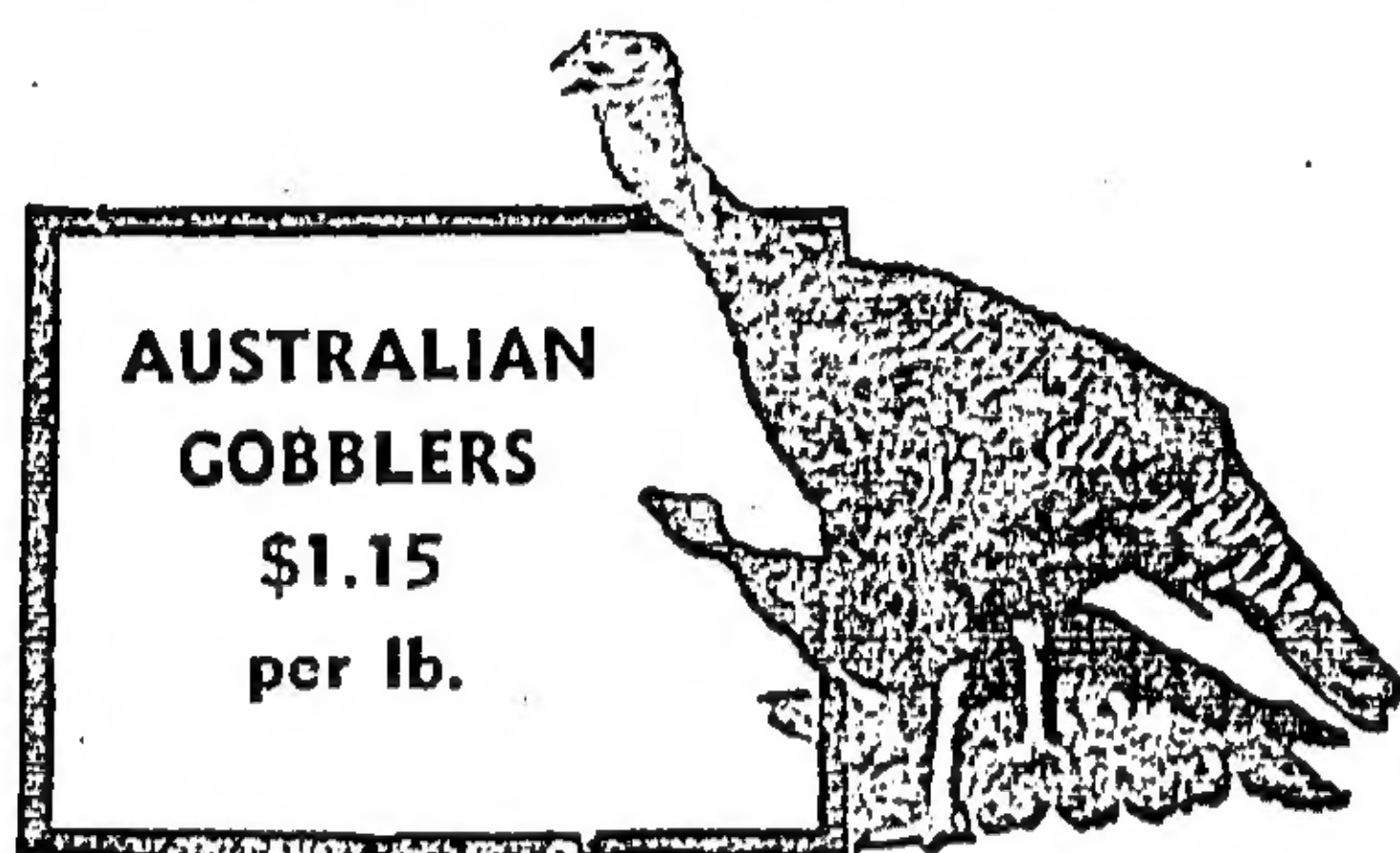
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In spite of the dull weather, a large crowd watched the start in Hyde Park and cheered the cars as they left the starting-post, without one failure.

Hundreds of modern cars lined the roadway, bright and luxurious, compared with the early pioneers, over many of which were umbrellas to shelter their drivers from the rain.

Captain G. E. T. Eyston drove a 1903 Mercedes, and received a special cheer as he left the starting line.

Kaye Don was at the wheel of a De Dion Bouton of the same year.

In pouring rain another large crowd greeted the arrivals at Brighton and watched them parade along the front.

SPEED LIMIT

Gold medals were presented by the Mayor of Brighton (Councillor J. Nanson) to the 93 successful drivers.

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Auto "Victim" Disappears

Louisville, Ky. Miss Peggy Hennings reported to police that she struck a woman with her automobile but could not find the "victim" when she stopped a few feet away. She said a man who witnessed the accident told her to drive on—that the woman was a friend of his who didn't want any publicity.

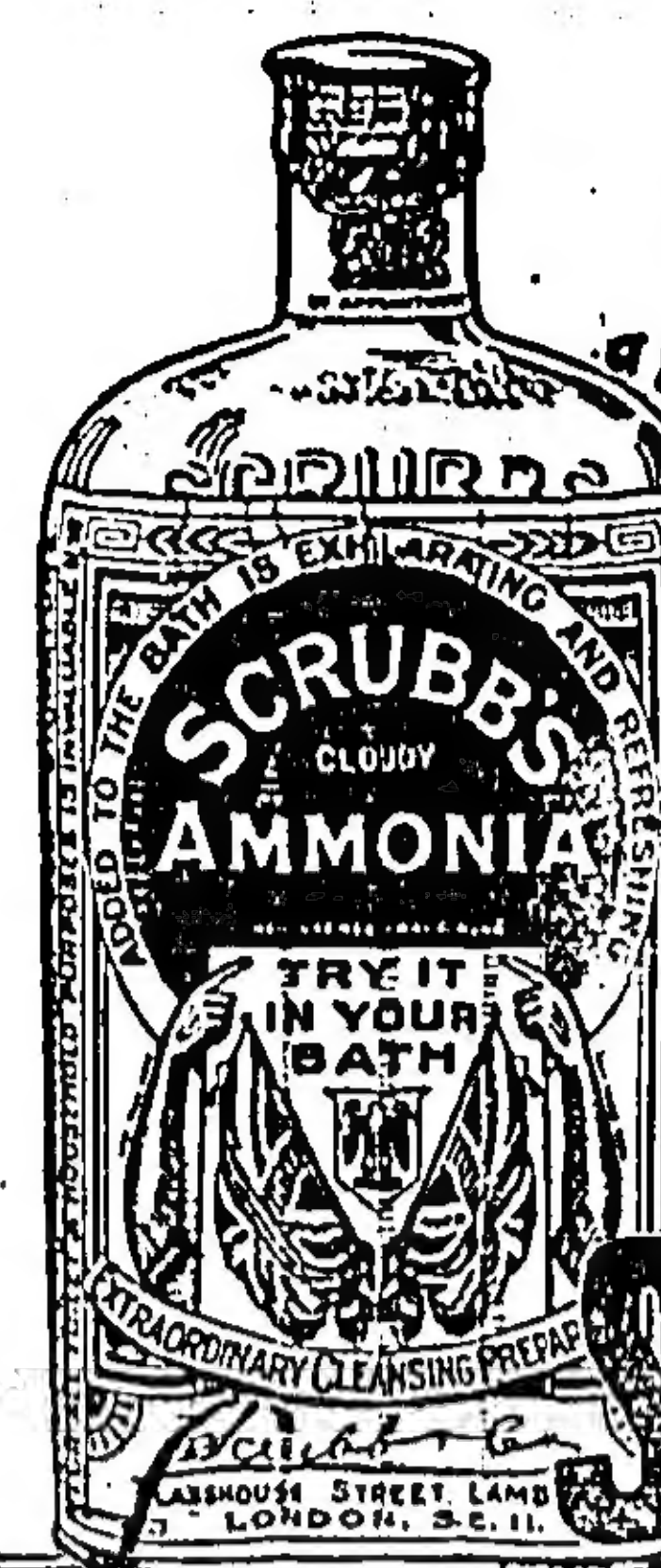


Mr. Sommerfeld and Mrs. Pearce have a talk after the second racing event on Saturday.—Pictorial News.

Visas For New York World's Fair

New York. Foreign visitors to the New York World's Fair 1939 must obtain a non-immigration visa, good for six months. This period can be extended upon official approval. Federal authorities and immigration officials will make a close check-up to be sure all the 500,000 foreign visitors expected at the Fair return to their native lands at expiration of their visas.

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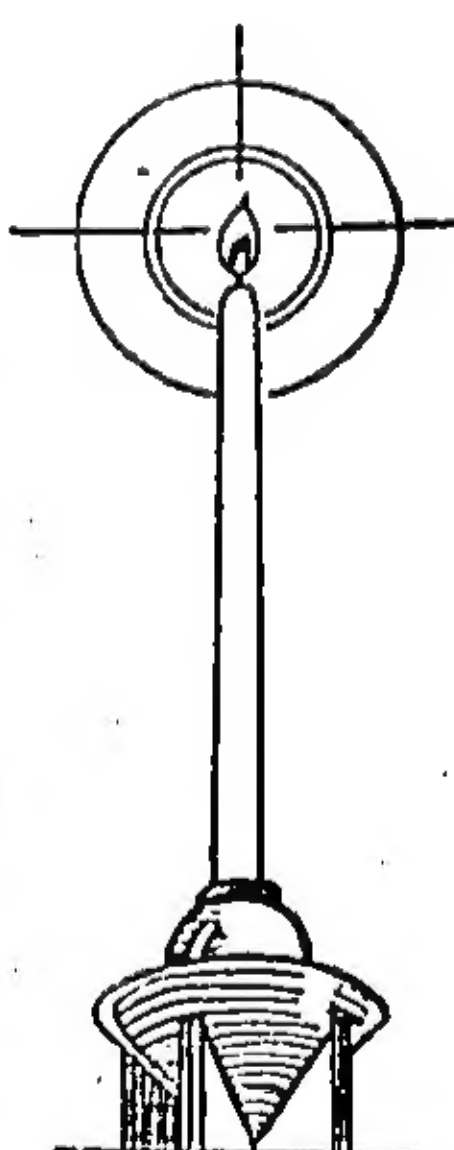
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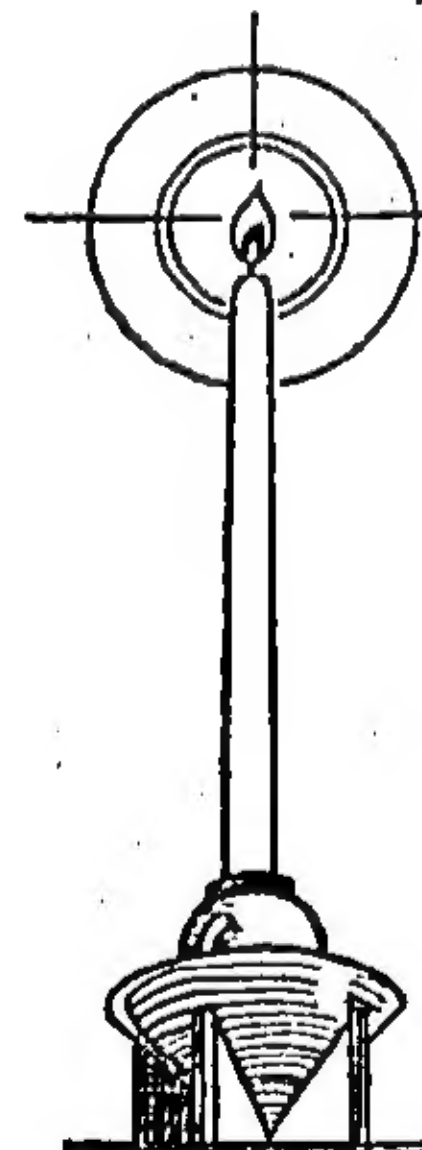
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spiration, it has gathered to it-
self all the love and tenderness
of childhood and of motherhood.

The simple gospel story has
given its setting and circum-
stance—the Mother, the Child,
the manger, the cattle, the
shepherds, the Magi and the gifts
—these in their course down the
ages have gathered round them
an aura of tenderness and senti-
ment, with their own benignant
ritual and song.

Christmas stockings, bells
and carols, roast goose and
turkey, little fir-trees, mistletoe
and holly—all these and much
else Christmas has gathered to
itself.

The season in which it has
fallen adds to its strength by
contrast; the festival shines out
like the cheerful windows of an
inn midway along the dark road
of the winter, where there is
warmth and company and re-
freshment. The sober reality
may be a Hongkong heat-wave,
but in the ideal Christmas of
our childhood the ponds are all
ringing with strong black ice,
there are four inches of snow
upon the ground, powdery and
fine, with the fields buried deep
below the dazzling mantle.

The fireside is a seasonable
pleasure which our ancestors set
at its true value and which our
more travelled generation is apt
to misprize. Especially, is it a
pleasure and a benefit, when it
unites the family group round
its most ancient altar, the
hearth, at the festival dedicated
time out of mind to the child,
the mother and the family.

Thus Christmas gives to man-
kind these beautiful homilies of
kindness, hospitality and the
giving of gifts, of charity, of
friendship, and of family love.

Life would be a sadder pil-
grimage without it, and after
the trials which have afflicted
our Homeland these last few
months, and the tribulations
through which our great and
friendly neighbour is passing,
we hope it will bring a rich
measure of blessing and consolation.

CARLYLE! thou shouldst
be living at this hour:
Christmas hath need of
thee! For the old dyspeptic
being our first authority on
clothes, would probably in-
struct us wisely in the mat-
ter of Christmas presents.

Mention of the old gentle-
man, and the hidden reference
to two of England's major poets,
set me wondering: what pre-
sents at Christmas, or the pagan
New Year, one would have
wished on say a dozen of the
earth's greatest. Here are a
few of my fancies:—

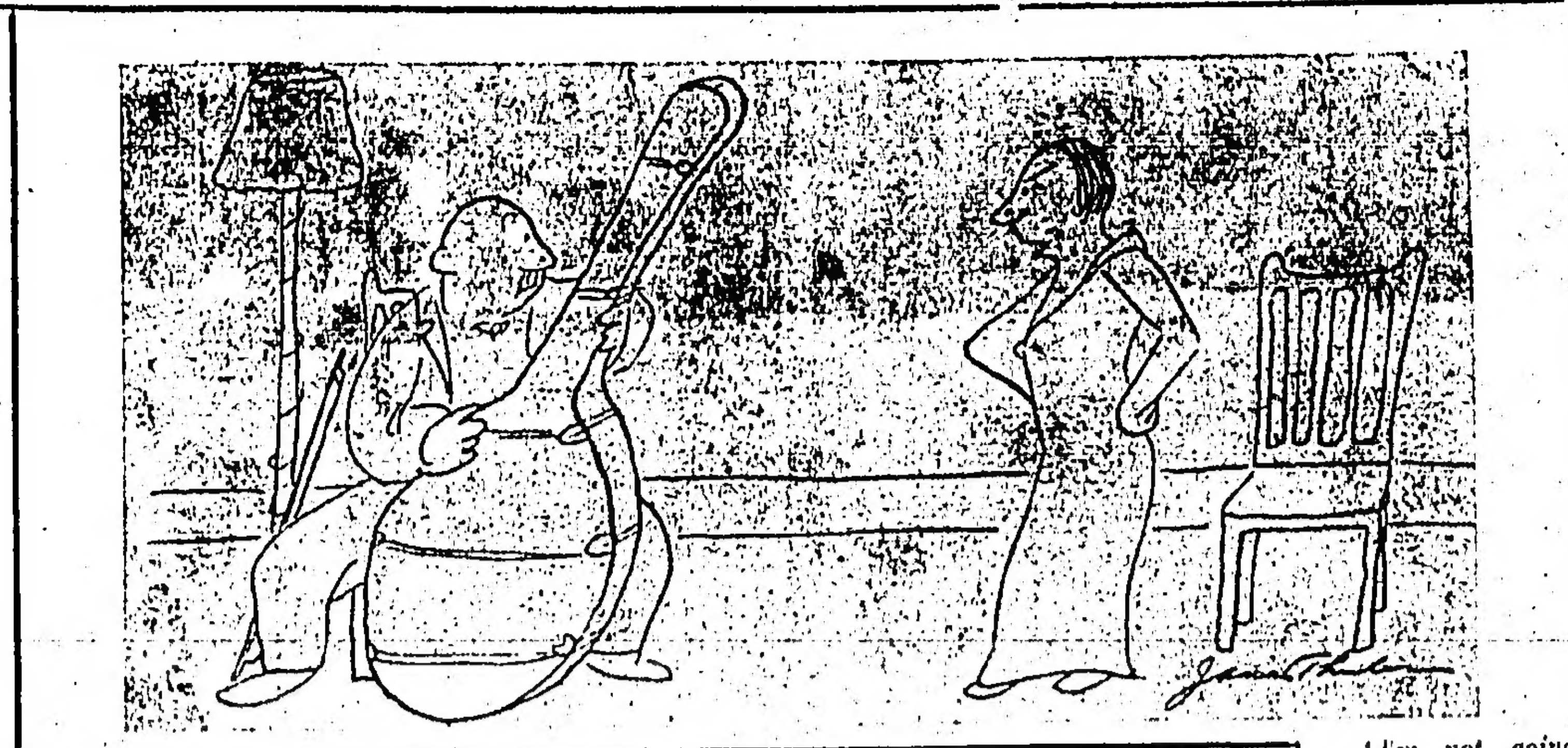
1. Carlyle—A new digestion.
2. Milton—Restored eye-
sight.
3. Wordsworth—Daffodils.
4. Alexander—A new world
to conquer.
5. Cleopatra—Pearls and
some vinegar.
6. Mr. Pepsy—Knowledge of
his future fame.
7. Henry VIII.—Another
wife.
8. Horace Walpole—A fresh
scandal.
9. Marat—A lock for the
bathroom.
10. Napoleon—A change of
warders.
11. Florence Nightingale—A
new lamp.
12. Dickens—Time to finish
"Edwin Drood."

Then what about people living
to-day? Here I suggest:—

1. C. B. Cochran—A wow.
2. Greta Garbo—A passage
home.
3. The ex-Kaiser—A tin
sabre.
4. Mr. (Hore-Belisha—Toy
soldiers.
5. Mr. Thomas Farr—14lbs.
more punch.
6. Mr. Littlewood—A swim-
ming pool.
7. The Japanese—Sanity.
8. Any Spaniard—Ditto.
9. The English Cricket
Team—Guts.
10. Gracie Fields—Another
"Sally."
11. Strube—Another twenty-
five years.
12. Gordon Richards—A Der-
by winner.

I COME now to the most
important principle in
the matter of Christmas pre-
sents. They must be *useful*.
Here is a list of *useful* presents
for which I, personally, should
say "Thank you very much,"
and then immediately dismiss
them from mind:—

1. Radio licence.
2. Bed socks.
3. The Works of Longfellow.
4. Gramophone record of the
Quins.
5. Garden roller.
6. Loofah.
7. Bulbs for window-boxes.
8. Skid-chains for motor-
car.
9. Horse-muzzle.
10. Beetle-powder.
11. Asparagus tongs.
12. Goloshes.



"I'm not going to
put up with one of
those things, so you
might as well not
unwrap it."

James Agate likes to get USELESS Christmas presents

What I do want and am
yearning to possess is:—

1. Pair of budgerigars.
2. Blackpool Tower in cork.
3. Smoking-suit in purple
corduroy with tangerine
lapels.
4. Tie-press in mother-of-
pearl.
5. Tortoiseshell walking-stick
and celluloid buttonhole
for evening dress.
6. Pagoda for poodle.
7. Poodle for pagoda.
8. Silhouette of Marlene
Dietrich in seaweed.
9. Portrait of Abraham
Lincoln in wool.
10. Hookah.
11. Howdah for white ele-
phant.
12. Model of National
Theatre.

BUT the people really
to be considered are
the kids. Here the rule is that
they must be given things
which fire the imagination. The
bitterest moment of my boy-
hood was when a hard-won
First Prize for Proficiency in
Science turned out to be Dar-
win's "Formation of Vegetable
Mould through the Action of
Worms."

But let me begin with the
tots. Never, never, NEVER

give children children's books.

Dr. Johnson knew about this, as
we see from Mrs. Piozzi's

"Anecdotes":—"Babies do not want to hear
about babies; they like to be
told of giants and castles, and
soe." "Westward Ho!" "Tom
of somewhat which can stretch
and stimulate their little
minds." When in answer I
would urge the numerous edi-
tions and quick sale of Tommy
Prudent or Goody Two Shoes:
"Remember always (said he)
that the parents buy the books,
and that the children never read
them."

THE same thing applies
to plays for children.

When I was a child the kind of
pantomime I liked was the
grown-up sort. I doted on one
in which the Principal Boy, at-
tired in tights and top-hat
slapped her thigh and sang a
rousing ditty of which the bur-
den was:—

For I'm a man of the world,
A man of the world am I!
I cherish an undying admira-
tion for the late Macdonald
Hastings. For many reasons,
though one golden sentence
must suffice. This occurs in his
"Memoirs of a Child." Mac is
talking of an island called

Herm, where he used to spend
the summer holidays with ten
brothers and sisters. Herm
was of all islands the most
glorious, the most glorious
of all being Jethou, "which
we all thought must be
much better than Herm because
there were only two houses on
it." Now comes my golden
sentence: "The next year we
went to Cromer or some stink-
ing hole!"

Woe to the parent whose off-
spring should write in later
years: "We all wanted to go to
'Cinderella.' But father in-
sisted on taking us to 'The Glass
Slipper' or some stinking fan-
tasy!"

But to return to our books.
Here the matter is largely one
of age. Boys up to the age of
twelve should be given what-
ever is the modern equivalent
of the school stories of Talbot
Baines Reed and the adventure
yarns of G. A. Henty.

From twelve to fifteen
the masterpieces which they
will read now or never—such
masterpieces as "Robinson Cru-
soe," "Westward Ho!" "Tom
Brown's Schooldays," "Master-
man Ready," "The Last of the
Mohicans," "King Solomon's
Mines," "Treasure Island," and
anything by Jules Verne.

From fifteen to eighteen the
Heart of Midlothian, "David
Copperfield," "Vanity Fair,"
"The Cloister and the Hearth,"
"Adam Bede," "Barchester
Towers," "Many Inventions,"
"Kipps," and "The Old Wives'
Tale."

From eighteen to twenty-one
I recommend "Tom Jones,"
"The Vicar of Wakefield," "La-
vengro," "The Ordeal of Rich-
ard Feverel," "The Mayor of
Casterbridge," "Almayer's
Folly," and I venture to suggest
one Gissing and one Henry
James.

And, of course, any age from
fifteen onwards is right for
Boswell's "Johnson" and the
Diary of Samuel Pepys.

About girls, I suggest the
same curriculum, with the ex-
ception of "Tom Jones," which
they will not understand, and
"Many Inventions," which they
will dislike.

IN the matter of toys I
am inclined to think
that boys should have some-
thing corresponding to modern
invention, which means air-
planes, motor-cars and speed-
boats. I am not in favour of
trains, because father will play
with them and the child never
get a look-in.

As a thorough fogey and
were I the father of two child-
ren, I should give them a chess-
board of nobly-smelling leather
and a set of weighted chess-men
of the dignity which suits the
game.

In my view, nothing is better
for an afternoon at this season
than a roaring fire, an old-
fashioned sheepskin hearthrug,
black for choice, a supply of
oranges, and a set of chess men.
You play the game on your
stomach, and instead of chang-
ing over the pieces at the end
of the game, change places on
the hearthrug and so get the
other side scorched!

Little girls still, I suppose,
like dolls. In my day demure
maidens of six required a wax
effigy which opened two china-
blue eyes and said "Mamma!"
Now I shall reluctantly concede
that they prefer a bodisized
(Continued on Page 5.)

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Nope, I didn't sell it—just got married!"

Navy's Need For Western Base

Value Of Pembroke Dock

THE partial reopening of Rosyth Dockyard, announced recently, is an example of how the urgent requirements of national defence are overriding considerations of economy.

To cope with the vast programme of warship repair and reconstruction work now in hand the resources of Rosyth are to be made available. In wide circles of the Navy the re-establishment of Pembroke dockyard is held to be even more necessary.

Although Pembroke may be, as the Admiralty has stated, surplus to peace-time requirements, it would immediately become of vital importance in the event of war. This is because it is the nearest British base to the western approaches of the Atlantic.

Approximately half our total sea-borne trade passes through or near this area, for which reason it was a favourite hunting-ground for enemy U-boats in the last war.

"ATLANTIC GRAVEYARD"

Hundreds of merchantmen were sunk in the approaches, which became known as "the Atlantic graveyard," and scores of others damaged by torpedo or mine would have been lost but for the fact that they were

able to reach Queenstown (Cobh). Here they were patched up sufficiently to return under escort to an English port for repairs.

Further, the Southern Irish harbours may not be accessible as refuges and repair stations in a future emergency that an alternative base as near as possible to the Irish coast is considered by naval strategists to be indispensable.

The following are the distances from Queenstown to British ports:

Pembroke 136 miles, Falmouth 185, Cardiff-Newport-Bristol 208 to 228.

Plymouth 225, Southampton 342, Liverpool 241, Belfast 287.

As will be seen, Pembroke is 50 miles nearer to the western approaches than any other port, and in the case of a badly damaged ship every mile saved is important.

Further, it is certain that in time of war all the existing western and south-western ports would be overcrowded, as they were in 1914-18.

In a new emergency, the congestion would be intensified by the diversion of a great part of the shipping which normally discharges in London and other East Coast ports.

OVERWHELMING CASE

This alone would justify the reconditioning of Pembroke as an overflow port, and when the naval approach becomes, it is considered, overwhelming.

It is urged that Pembroke be provided with facilities for serving the needs of escort vessels and destroyers on convoy or patrol duty in the Atlantic.

Using Pembroke as their base they would save 100 miles in proceeding to and returning from their stations.

Pembroke, being 300 miles from the East Coast, is comparatively safe from air attack, which could not in any case be delivered without ample warning.

Millford Haven, in which the old yard is situated, is one of the finest harbours in Europe. About 11 miles long, and from one to three miles wide, it covers about 20 square miles. It can be entered at all times of tide and in any conditions of wind.

During the Great War 4,000 men were employed in the dockyard,

First View Of World For 8 Years

For eight years Mr. Fred Walker, artist and designer, has been a patient in Highgate Hospital, keeping hands supple and eye in trim with brush and pencil for the day when he should return to the outside world.

The day is nearly here. Soon after Christmas he is to leave the hospital.

Mr. Walker is prepared to find London very much changed from the day he last saw it.

NURSES POSED

"There were no British beauties and very few traffic lights when I was out and about," he said. "All I know of the modern girl's dress and the modern motor-car is what I see in the newspapers."

Mr. Walker has not been short of subjects for his art while in hospital. His fellow-patients and the nurses have been his models.

"The boys make the best subjects, but they just won't sit still," he said.

which has an area of 100 acres. Since 1931 about 20 acres have been in occupation by the Air Ministry.

Another portion of the yard, known as Carr's Jetty, is leased to a firm of shipbuilders. This jetty can accommodate ships up to 20,000 tons.

The former naval repair ships and stores depots have been demolished, but store depots facilities remain fairly intact.

DREDGING NECESSARY

The largest dry dock can take vessels up to 14,000 tons, but the gates need replacing.

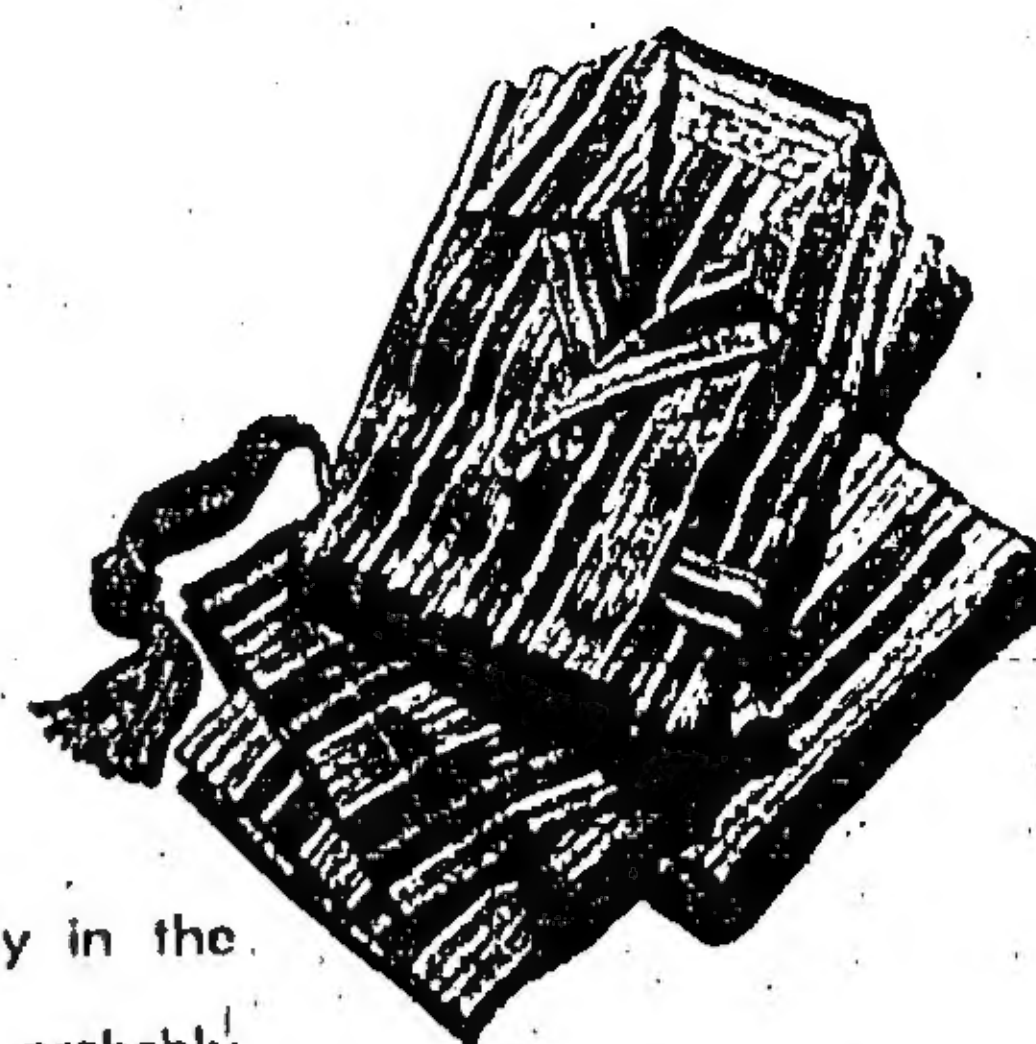
The approach to the yard needs dredging, and this might prove the most expensive item in the reconditioning programme.

Shortly after the war the Admiralty proposed to extend the dockyard westward from Carr's Jetty to the wharves. Had this plan been carried out Pembroke, it is claimed, would be the only British port in which a large vessel could proceed straight up harbour and be berthed without waiting for the tide.

As the Haven has a depth in most places of 15 to 19 fathoms, it should be feasible to moor a floating dock off the yard after dredging. With ample repair facilities available and a fleet of powerful salvage tugs at hand to render first aid to vessels damaged in the western approaches, Pembroke would rank as one of our most valuable sea bases.

There is no reason to suppose that the cost of reconditioning Pembroke would be very great. In any case the expenditure would probably be repaid many times over by the saving of ships and cargoes which, in the absence of such a western base, might be lost.

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DIAMOND IN ROAD AS NEW WARNING TO DRIVERS

Telling Them There Is a Sign Ahead

THE Earl of Onslow recently suggested that 100 yards in advance of a warning sign to motorists there should be placed on the roadway a green line or diamond sign.

He was giving evidence before the House of Lords committee on the prevention of road accidents.

The suggestion, he said, originated from his experience on the bench when one day ten motorists said that they had not seen a warning notice.

The Earl of Cottenham, originator of the mobile police and the "Courtney Cops," spoke of the "unhelpful" attitude of the traffic department of the Metropolitan Police.

He said that the scheme had won the approval of a number of chief constables, and from the reports he had received from them the public appreciated the motives of the principle of co-operation.

"ABOLISH THE MINISTRY"

"I would like to advocate publicly that the Ministry of Transport, as such, should be abolished and should become a technical department of the Home Office, under the permanent head," said Lord Cottenham.

Continuity of policy in transport matters was essential, he said, and should not be at the mercy of "political comers and goers."

Within the frame work of this proposed department of the Home Office there should be a road traffic committee, a rail traffic committee, and a waterway traffic committee, each with a permanent chairman.

The Traffic Department of the Home Office should be free, as the Ministry of Transport was not free, from the duty of consulting every road-users' association about every proposed scheme.

CRITIC OF HENDON

Lord Cottenham said that when he visited the police driving school at Hendon in 1936 at the invitation of Sir Philip Game, the Commissioner of Police, the whole standard of teaching there seemed to him to be too low.

Solicitor Sent To Gaol At 68

A sixty-eight-year-old solicitor whose troubles, according to his counsel, were mainly due to the fact that he was not able to put money aside for the leaner years, was sent to prison for 20 months at the Old Bailey recently.

He was Arthur Edward Francis, who pleaded guilty to converting £1,280 of clients' money.

Mr. L. A. Byrne, prosecuting, said Francis was admitted a solicitor in 1895, and had practised in Bishopsgate. In 1937 he was adjudged bankrupt with a deficiency of £8,721, of which £3,650 was due to clients.

During his examination he said that since 1928 his practice had declined, and he started borrowing heavily. To retrieve his position in 1934-5 he began to use clients' money.

Mr. Frank Milton, defending, said that for the greater part of his career Francis had conducted his business efficiently and honourably. He had been extraordinarily generous, paying the widow of a partner and a widowed sister £100 a year each.

At the age 60 his clients began to fail away and his position became hopeless. He had not lived extravagantly.

B.B.C. Man Feared Dismissal

A B.B.C. musician and member of the Halle Orchestra, Frederick John Tilsley (44), of Sale, was sentenced at Derby Assizes recently to nine months' imprisonment for perjury.

His father-in-law, William Arthur Heagarty, of Bow, was similarly charged, received a like sentence.

Mr. T. M. Winning (prosecuting) said Charles Armishaw, a water bailiff, told the Bakewell Bench that he had seen Tilsley fishing from his father-in-law's garden and that subsequently the two men admitted to him the full facts.

Because of this, no corroboration was called before the magistrates, but the two men denied the charge, Tilsley stating that he had never fished in his life.

CASE DISMISSED

The case was dismissed and the Bench must have believed that Armishaw made up the story. Three other witnesses had since been secured.

On Tilsley's behalf, Mr. G. Smallwood said he had feared that the B.B.C. would dismiss him after the fishing case.

"The B.B.C. do some rather curious things with their employees," Mr. Smallwood added.

Naval Base "Colour Bar" Denied

INDIAN BRIDE SAYS "IT'S JEALOUSY"

COLOMBO (Ceylon).

MRS. BRINDA GORDON, nineteen-year-old Indian bride of Lieutenant David L. Gordon, of the naval survey ship Stork, recently described as "arrant nonsense" reports that her husband's career is being affected by the colour question.

She said: "The matter has never been raised. I have been received aboard the Stork, and at Trincomalee (the naval base) dances the commander-in-chief has specially picked me out as his partner. Only jealous people can have thought of upsetting us by the colour question."

"My husband and I are extremely happy, and there is no truth in the suggestion that he is leaving the Navy. It is the last thing I should wish for."

Mrs. Gordon is a niece of Lord Sinha, Hindu barrister peer, and daughter of the Hon. Mrs. Dutt, of London. She met Lieutenant Gordon at a bridge party given by his mother, Mrs. F. Jervis Gordon, at her home in Chapel-street, Marylebone, W. They were married in Colombo in May.

Curiosity Costs Cat's Tail

Oakland, Cal.

Tony, an Angora cat whose curiosity complex got its tail into close communion with the wringer of an electric washing machine, underwent a successful operation for the removal of the damaged caudal appendage.

The cat is now in a condition to continue its investigation into the laundry business, without further risk—if not to life and limb, at least to tail.

UNEMPLOYMENT UP BY 47,000

Textile Industries Improve

UNEMPLOYMENT in Great Britain increased by 46,876 between October 17 and November 14, bringing the total to 1,628,103. This was 228,508 more than a year before. The estimated number of insured persons aged 15-64 in employment was 12,253,000 on November 14, a decrease of 30,000 on the month and a decrease of 150,000 on the year.

The decline in employment was noted in—

Building and public works contracting, agriculture and horticulture, coal-mining, iron and steel manufacture, hotel and boarding-house and transport services, the distributive trades, and entertainments, sport, &c.

Increased unemployment in coal-mining is unusual in November, and was evidently due to the mildness

of the weather and the falling off of export demand.

The industries which showed improvement last month included—

Cotton, wool, and other textile industries, metal goods manufacture, and the motor-vehicle, cycle, and aircraft industry.

The rise in unemployment affected all the Ministry of Labour divisions except the Midlands:

	Inc. or dec. on month
London	+9,775
South-eastern	+8,621
South-western	+3,823
Midlands	-3,692
North-eastern	+4,430
North-western	+4,507
Northern	+1,924
Scotland	+8,089
Wales	+7,999

TOTAL ANALYSED

Included in the total of 1,628,103 were 1,455,608 wholly unemployed, 305,496 temporarily stopped, and 66,939 normally in casual employment. It comprised 1,366,683 men, 51,010 boys, 300,300 women, and 50,104 girls.

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'Head' Gave Beer At School

The Rev. Alexander Ross-Wallace, headmaster of a well-known public school, told the Cambridge magistrates recently that he had provided beer at school.

He was giving evidence for Clifford Frederick Victor Martin, aged 19, a Pembroke College undergraduate, who was charged with assaulting Police-Sergeant Ives on the night of November 6. The case was dismissed.

Police-Sergeant Ives said that while on duty near a lamp in Market-hill, round which was a large crowd of undergraduates, he felt a kick. He heard a remark, turned, and saw Martin in the act of kicking at his legs.

INJURED ANKLE

Martin, denying the allegations, said that he had injured his ankle and at the time it was strapped up in plaster. It would have hurt him to kick anyone.

Mr. C. H. Parker, prosecuting, referred to a statement by Martin that he had had "a glass or two of beer," and asked, "Did he drink beer at school?"

Mr. Ross-Wallace: I provided it, sir.

The Bench allowed the name of Martin's school to be written down and it was not divulged.

Rheims Replica Carved

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Thomas Jacobson is a cement finisher by trade, but he'd rather do wood carving. In three years he carved from alder, birch and walnut a three and one-half foot high replica of the Rheims cathedral.

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Girl Student Of 17 "Adopts" A Family

A 17-year-old art student, a girl living in Portland Place, London, whose name is not revealed, has "adopted" a needy couple in Durham and their five young children.

Her action was disclosed by the Rev. H. F. Pickering, Vicar of St. Nicholas Church, Durham City, recently, when he defended in the pulpit the effort that he, with Lady Jane Legge, is making to secure help for poor families in his parish.

"In Durham City alone there are 1,000 men on the dole, and there are incredible thousands in the county. There are many brave souls fighting against tremendous odds to help themselves," he said.

"RELUCTANT RICH"

"I know of a man who rises at 4 a.m. to ride his cycle more than 20 miles to work and then back again at night in order to keep his job and not go on the dole.

"That man has a brave wife and five young children living in two rooms. If the father and mother have not tried to help themselves I don't know who has.

"I thank God that I have been able to link that family up to a young art student in London who will take care of them."

Durham County's problem ought to be a national concern, he said, and the reluctant rich in the South ought to be educated to their responsibility.

WON WORLD VOYAGE

Lucky American Girl In Hongkong

"Why I want to go to the China Seas?" was a question which Miss Dorothy M. Shaw, of New York, recently answered so well that her reply won her an essay competition and a trip round the world. She is a through passenger by the President Adams, which reached Hongkong yesterday, and is the only passenger who is booked with the ship for its complete round-the-world voyage.

The competition won by Miss Shaw was sponsored by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in connection with the Gable-Marlow film "China Seas."

Miss Shaw, a smartly-dressed brunette, is in charge of the American Express Company's travel bureau in McCree's Store, New York. Her tour gives her only a day in Hongkong, for she sails with the President Adams at noon to-day.



Redrawing the Czech-Hungarian frontier are German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, left, and Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, at Bevedere Palace, Vienna. By this draft Hungary gained more than 4,000 square miles of Czech territory.

Adventurers In A Junk

Shanghai Russians To Return

As unostentatiously as it had set sail from Shanghai round the world the Russian-imperial-ensign-flying junk Adventure returned recently its top-mast broken, but its crew of eight, including two pretty young girls, undaunted and still hopeful.

The White Russian junk, skippered by a Briton, Captain A. C. Newton, set sail for Hongkong, the first port of call on its world-girdling itinerary. For a day all went well, but the junk sailed into stormy weather.

The junk, which was considered one of the most seaworthy vessels of its kind yet to embark upon such an adventure, weathered the seas well. But the topmast was old and cracked under the strain.

Approximately 70 miles out of Shanghai, the junk was turned back. The return trip was made with the remaining sail and the six-cylinder automobile engine.

The crew includes Luba Schenikoff, Olga Alksner, Chief Officer Leo Tomashevsky, Engineer Leo Rudchenko and Seaman Serge Muranoff. P. Platonoff and V. Dule, intends setting out again as soon as the necessary repairs on the boat are completed.

The Adventure may not arrive in San Francisco in time for the opening of the Fair there next February. According to its itinerary, the route to San Francisco was to be via Hongkong, Manila, Singapore, Java, Australia and New Zealand. The crew originally intended to remain in San Francisco for the Fair and then to return to Shanghai via the Panama Canal, British West Indies, Canary Islands, Great Britain, Europe, Suez Canal, and from there across the Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal and through the Straits of Malacca to Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai.

The unique feature of this adventure was the presence on board the junk of Luba Schenikoff and Olga Alksner, both of whom gave up their jobs at a high class French-town restaurant to sail with the Adventure.

DIVORCE PETITION

The divorce petition of Dorothy Isabel Tan, a European woman, against her Chinese husband, Mr. Peng Yong Tan, a Singapore lawyer, was withdrawn without prejudice, to her rights to making a fresh petition when the matter was heard before Mr. Justice Fiddow in the Singapore High Court.



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INQUEST ON WOMAN

Death Follows Septic Condition

An inquiry was held at the Central Magistracy yesterday into the death of a woman, Li Sam-foon, 29, at the Tung Wah Hospital on November 28. Mr. R. D. Forrest sat as Coroner, assisted by a jury comprising Messrs. F. X. M. da Silva, R. C. Wallace and Fung Kim-sheung. Inspector C. R. Rozeksky was present for the police.

The Coroner told the jury that the inquiry was into the death of a woman who died from septic peritonitis, which had apparently originated from a criminal abortion. The duty of the jury would be to ascertain the cause of death, whether the abortion was of a criminal nature, and whether they should record a verdict of manslaughter against any particular person.

Dr. Lo Chong-fie, of Tung Wah Hospital, was the first witness. He said a woman named Li Sam-foon, 29, was admitted into a first-class ward in the hospital about 8.35 a.m. on October 23. She complained of a pain in the abdomen, which she said had started the day before, and was getting worse. The woman also told the doctor that she had given birth to a three-months-old foetus a month previously.

Further questioned, she insisted the pain had only begun the day before. Witness examined her, found her to be suffering from peritonitis, and advised her to undergo an operation if she wished to live. Though unwilling at first, the deceased later gave her consent, and witness performed the operation as the Superintendent, Dr. Yu Chiu-kuang, was not well that day.

Operating under a general anaesthetic, witness found the woman's abdomen to be full of pus welling up from the abdominal cavity. As witness did not explore the abdomen to a great extent. There was also the danger of spreading infection. Witness closed the abdomen.

After the operation, the woman's condition was critical, with a high temperature. This condition remained for a few days. On October 31, witness was given certain information by a nurse, as a result of which he went to see the patient and questioned her regarding the real history of her case.

An Admission

The woman told witness that two weeks prior to her entering hospital, she had visited the Po On drug store, somewhere in Queen's Road West, and was operated upon by two women doctors. She said they had used forceps. She was conscious all the time, and experienced great pain during and after the operation. She never fully recovered, and for two weeks suffered attacks of pain and chills.

As she showed no improvement, deceased told the doctor, she was advised by one of the women to enter the Tung Wah Hospital.

After being told this, said witness, he informed Dr. Yu, who later informed the police. Two weeks after the operation in the hospital, deceased's condition improved, her temperature returned to normal, and there was little pus. She appeared to be more cheerful and ate and slept well. This condition was maintained for 10 days.

Between November 20 and 26, her condition grew worse, and she died about 10.40 p.m. on November 28. Before she died, deceased had told witness that one of the women who had operated on her was named Lam. Witness could not find out more, as the deceased was reluctant to talk.

Dr. P. B. Wilkinson, in charge of the Victoria Mortuary, said he performed a post-mortem examination. After detailing the results of his examination, he said deceased had died from septic peritonitis and subsequent heart failure.

Questioned by the Coroner, Dr. Wilkinson said that in view of the history of the case, he had made a special examination of the genital organs, but had found no evidence to show the peritonitis had originated there.

Ho Mi, a 74-year-old woman, said that the deceased was her niece and was employed by her. The deceased left her employment on September 25, saying she was going back to the country. Before the woman left, witness had some suspicion of her reason for leaving, and took her to see a doctor, who confirmed her suspicions that the woman was pregnant. Deceased, however, denied this.

The deceased often went out at night, and sometimes stayed away for a few days, said witness. She did not know the man deceased went with. Witness did not see the deceased again after September 25.

At this point, the Coroner asked the jury whether they wished to proceed further with the inquiry. Although it seemed that an illegal operation of some kind had been performed, there was yet no proof that that operation was the cause of death.

After a short consultation, the jury said they did not wish to hear more evidence and returned a verdict of death from natural causes due to peritonitis, adding that there was no evidence of any other cause of death. The Coroner expressed agreement with the verdict.

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Hongkong, 29th June, 1938.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES Cheero Club Activities This Week

A Christmas party for servicemen was held on Monday at the Cheero Club, which was tastefully decorated. Altogether 188 sat down, and after dinner they had games, dancing, some songs by Hector Higgins and some turns by Mr. Greene. Splendid spot prizes were given, while there was also carol and community singing. Mrs. Hance, the Chairman of the Ladies Committee, thanked all the members of the Committee for their hard work, and presented, on behalf of the Club, some small gifts to some of the servicemen who had worked hard in various ways during that evening. It was altogether a very jolly party.

On Wednesday, the Christmas gala dance was held, when the band of the Royal Scots, by kind permission of the officers, played. Light refreshments were served, and over twenty prizes given for spot and statue dances, and so forth. Mrs. Deacon, in charge of dances, thanked

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all for their support, and all present
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The Ladies Committee express
thanks to friends of the Club who so
generously donated money, refresh-
ments, etc.

The following is the programme
of functions at the Club for next
week:
Monday, December 26, dance at
8.30 p.m.
Tuesday, whilst drive at 8.45 p.m.
Wednesday, dance at 8.30 p.m.
Thursday, bridge evening.
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SPLENDID FEAT BY EU STABLE IN TARDY H'CAP Silkylight Again Lowers A Record

(By "Captain Foster")

The Hongkong Jockey Club closed their racing season last Saturday before one of the largest crowds ever assembled at Happy Valley. The dollar cash sweep counter was the chief attraction, the first prize in the opening event, the Hongkong Autumn Champions, being well over \$2,000 and ticket No. 1225 was worth \$5,574.80 for an outlay of \$2 in the last contest.

The outstanding feature of the meeting was the wonderful success of the Singapore philanthropist, Mr. Eu Tong-sen, whose three nominations, Lucky (with Mr. Eneamacho up), Rose Jane (Mr. W. Poy) and Rose Queen (Mr. S. W. Pan) finished first, second and third respectively in the Tardy Handicap for "C" class China ponies. It was a hard fought-out battle, Lucky winning by a length and the same margin separated the other two ponies. Mr. Eu Tong-sen should feel proud of the record.

Champion's Wonderful Running Silkylight Too Good For Field

Favoured with a good going, Silky-light, owned by Mr. Eric Moller of Shanghai and ridden by his son Mr. R. B. Moller, annexed the Hongkong Autumn Champions in record time of 2.21½ by many lengths, lowering Liberty Bay's track figure established on February 22, 1933, by two three-fifths seconds. It was certainly an amazing feat, the first quarter being covered in 28½ seconds and the next two furlongs were galloped in 28½ seconds. The third quarter was slackened to 30 seconds, but the speed of the next two furlongs was accelerated to 28½ seconds and then Silkylight came down the home

stretch in 27 seconds with a few pounds to spare.

We all knew that Silkylight was a first class animal, but we had no idea that he possessed such wonderful legs. It may not be known that the last mile was run in 1.52½ against the record time of 1.55 held by Diana Bay and the last half-a-mile was negotiated in 55½ seconds.

As was anticipated, Bear Claw jumped to the front at the release of the barrier followed by Confusion Bay, Silkylight and Expression Time, but I noticed that when they reached the bottom of the hill, Bear Claw was labouring owing to the fast pace. However, as they neared the finish post, Confusion Bay took up the running and the first three quarters of the circuit were journeyed in 1.20½ which was a grand show. At this juncture Silkylight dropped back as if he could not follow the leader and there was a tremendous excitement in the two stands.

Coming down the Black Rock, the order was Confusion Bay, Bear Claw, Silkylight and Expression Time, and there was daylight between the runners. All the glasses were focussed on the ponies and those 1,579 backers on Silkylight must have thought that their money had gone west.

At the 1½ mile beacon or thereabout the triple crown winner shot forward in a most remarkable way and believe it or not, Silkylight was leading the pack at the top of the home stretch. Confusion Bay stuck to Mr. Eric Moller's candidate until the distance when he began to flag and Boole Moller, who rode a clever race on Silkylight, was tickled to cross the "W. P." by many lengths. It was a fine race and the combination of Silkylight and Moller remains unbeaten.



Activity in the paddock after the saddling bell in the Dilatory Handicap, first leg of the "Double" at Saturday's races. New Star (Mr. S. W. Pan up) is at the head of the line, followed by the winner, Double Chance, ridden by Mr. A. W. Raymond, and Plain View (Mr. H. C. Pih up) which came second. On the right Mr. V. V. Needa is seen mounting Ebony Idol which was unplacé.—Pictorial News.

NO FLUKE IN LUCKY LAD'S WIN

Well-Timed Race By V. V. Needa

I raise my hat to Lucky Lad, a "B" class Australian pony, winning the Queensland Autumn Champions and there was no fluke about his victory. The jockey, Mr. Needa, nursed the pony and rode a nice race. Prior to this classic event, Lucky Lad finished behind Vixen Tor (winner) in the New Bridge Handicap for "B" class over six furlongs and in the circumstance I never expected that he had a chance of becoming the champion pony.

It was indeed a great pity that the not favourite, Courting Eve, went lame after covering half the distance. The veteran Snowy River (1935 sub-

Here And There With "Abe"

First Test Starts In S. Africa To-morrow

THE M.C.C. cricketers in South Africa under the captaincy of Walter Hammond will embark tomorrow on the task of regaining possession of the "rubber" which has not been won by England since F.T. Mann's team visited the Union in 1922-23. It is generally considered in South Africa that the M.C.C. has sent out its strongest side for 50 years. For the first time, England will be represented by the full strength of its home eleven, with Hammond leading a model team—the sort of side that the student of cricket would pick from the formula of the text book. The matches played by the tourists to date confirm the high opinion held of the team at the beginning of the visit, and no doubt the chances are that England will win the series, which begins at Johannesburg to-morrow. Four days have been allocated to each Test match, and the First Test will be played on December 24, 26, 27 and 28; the Second on December 31, January 2, 3 and 4; the Third on January 20, 21, 23 and 24; the Fourth on February 18, 20, 21 and 22; and the Fifth on March 3, 4 and 7.

Relying On Spin

IT is expected that the home players will rely mostly on spin bowling to foil the M.C.C. batting stars. Louis Duffus, a leading South African critic, says that one reason why South Africa may rely on spin bowlers is the responsiveness of the wickets. This may be so, but at the time of writing the South African team has not been chosen, and it is possible that a different policy may be decided upon by the South African selectors. So far the only thing known is that Alan Melville, former Oxford University and Sussex captain, has been chosen to captain the Union team in all five Tests.

Popular Choice

FROM all accounts it is a popular choice; for no player in South Africa knows more about contemporary English cricket, while Melville has also been described as one of the best batsmen against spin bowling of his generation, although he does not seem to be in his peak form at the moment. That the highest respect is being held of his captaincy is shown by the comments of Hammond and Sir Pelham Warner when his selection was announced. Hammond said, "I am delighted that Melville has been chosen to captain. South Africa, I have known him a number of years, and am pleased he is to lead South Africa. He is a very astute captain." Sir Pelham stated, "We all know Melville as a very good cricketer, and he was a very successful captain both for Oxford and for Sussex. Naturally I cannot hope that he will lead South Africa to

griffin), surprised us by running into a third place and she was also from the "B" brigade.

Readers and punters will no doubt be interested to know that Lucky Lad was by Tom McCarthy and there are three sons by the same sire among the contingent which arrived here about the beginning of August for 1939 Annual Carnival. Pony No. 46 belongs to Mrs. Eu Tong-sen, No. 52 is owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stanton and No. 55 is the property of the stable Ciro. They have not as yet been named, but keep an eye on them during the training season. Centre Court gave a very disappointing display and so did the Spring champion, Strathroy.



Above is a picture of the Bantamweight Belt of the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots, which was won last night by Pte. Craig, who beat Pte. 40 Scott. The Belt was presented by Capt. (QM) Evans, one time Lightweight Champion of Scotland, who won it outright when a Sergeant in the Regiment, 1912, 1913, 1914.

Subscription Griffins Drawn For

China Ponies For 1939 Season

The Hongkong Jockey Club's China pony subscription griffins of 1939 were drawn by Mrs. E. C. Edmondson and Mrs. T. E. Pearce in the presence of H.E. the Governor, stewards and a good crowd of owners and racing fans during the week. The draw resulted as follows:

Grand No.	Drawn By	Colour	Height
201	Mrs. F. C. Hall	Grey	13.2
202	P. H. & Co.	Bay	13.2
203	L. T. F.	Bay	13.2
204	Mrs. Eu Tong-sen	Grey	13.2
205	L. & Eder	Cream	13.2
206	Lady Northcote	Grey	13.2
207	Hollandia	Brown	13.2
208	John Peel	Grey	14.0
209	S. T. Williamson	Grey	14.0
210	J. H. Jensen	Grey	13.2
211	J. Le Chey	Bay	14.0
212	Crafts	Bay	14.0
213	Moller and Johannes	Grey	13.2
214	S. W. Lee	Ches.	13.2
215	Shields and Stanton	Grey	13.2
216	Dynasty	Ches.	14.0
217	Fourstone	Ches.	13.2
218	Wong Sul Ngau	Ches.	14.0
219	Lucky	Ches.	13.2
220	Choy Wing Chiu & Co.	Ches.	13.2
221	C. H.	Ches.	14.1
222	Gredka	Black	14.1
223	E. S. K.	Grey	13.2
224	W. F.	Bay	13.2
225	Yung Bing Yuen	Bay	13.2
226	Diamonds	Dun	13.2
227	Terter and Abraham	Grey	14.1
228	K. C. C.	Ches.	14.1
229	S. M. K.	Black	13.2
230	S. S. L.	Grey	14.1
231	T. & E.	Ches.	14.1
232	L. Bros.	Ches.	13.2
233	Hollandia	Grey	14.0
234	S. L. K.	Bay	14.0
235	Necan	Bay	13.2
236	Loper and Liang	Dun	14.0
237	Dr. S. N. Chau	Black	13.2
238	Chung Hoven	Bay	14.1
239	Mrs. F. C. Hall	Bay	14.6
240	Csmo	Bay	13.2
241	Mrs. Dunbar	Bay	13.2
242	O. W. Sewell	Grey	13.2
243	Mrs. S. H.	Bay	13.2
244	S. T. Williamson	Ches.	13.2
245	Why	Ches.	14.0
246	Chau	Ches.	13.2
247	C. N. K.	Black	13.2
248	K. F. Wong	Dun	14.1
249	Sports	Ches.	14.0
250	Flah	Ches.	14.0
251	Eu Tong-sen	Black	14.1
252	Lee Shiu Kee & S. L.	Bay	13.2
253	Hope	Grey	14.1
254	Dynasty	Dun	13.2
255	M. A. H.	Black	13.2
256	Dr. Lee Shiu Kee	Bay	13.2
257	Wing	Black	14.0
258	Manetta	Ches.	13.2
259	Reitlion	Ches.	13.2
260	L. S. H.	Bay	14.0
261	G. Tinson	Bay	14.0
262	S. W. Tang	Ches.	13.2
263	H. Lee	Ches.	14.1
264	Cocora	Bay	14.1
265	Primus	Grey	13.2
266	Johny Weismuller's	Brown	14.0
267	Dr. S. To Wong	Skew.	13.2
268	Buccaners	Ches.	14.0
269	J. F. Macgregor	Ches.	14.1
270	C. S. N.	Bay	14.1
271	Eu Tong-sen	Grey	13.2
272	Anghar	Brown	14.0
273	Chiu Cheong Fan	Black	14.0
274	Henry	Ches.	13.2
275	Black and White	Bay	14.1
276	Lan	Grey	13.2
277	Gredka	Grey	13.2
278	S. T. Williamson	Ches.	14.0
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280	T. M. Gregory	Bay	13.2
281	H. Lee	Ches.	14.0
282	W. K. Yeung	Ches.	14.0
283	Johny Weismuller's	Ches.	13.2
284	Manetta	Ches.	14.0
285	REJECTED	Bay	14.0
286	L. Dunbar	Ches.	13.2
287	Wing Bros.	Ches.	14.0
288	Choa, Chan and Feng	Ches.	13.2
289	Moller and Johannes	Ches.	13.2
290	Mrs. T. E. Pearce	Grey	13.2
291	Sports	Ches.	14.0
292	Mrs. J. H. Taggart	Bay	13.2
293	Mrs. J. H. Taggart	Ches.	13.2
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Sgt. K. C. Hoo	27	29	25	81*	A.B., E. Flood	22	28	21	71
Pte. J. M. McWilliam	25	27	28	80	Stoker F. Holt	28	24	21	70
Spr. W. Thompson	23	30	27	79*	L/Cpl. J. M. Xavier	24	18	20	69
E.R.A., J. Chick	14	28	27	78	*Denotes winner of the "Nett" Stakes				

E.R.A., L. R. Barham	23	20	19	71
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Fine Skin

Choose birds of fine skin—the colour is not so important as the fineness of the pores. Although white-skinned birds are supposed to be more tender, with good cooking a yellow-skinned bird can come to the mouth as tender as a peach.

Turkey is best eaten hot—cold turkey having a tendency to taste rather like tough mutton. Don't buy too large a bird. It's usually safe to allow two to three pounds of waste in reckoning your size of bird—an eight-pound turkey for six people, a ten-pound turkey for seven or eight people, and so on.

The best possible way to cook a turkey and chicken is in a covered aluminium baking dish with ventilator top. You are then saved all basting troubles, and need not touch the bird until half an hour before serving, when you dish or open the ventilator wide.

Wipe your bird over with a clean cloth wrung out in warm water. Use small, neat wooden skewers to fasten up the stuffing, and be rather extravagant with the butter you use for basting.

On this important occasion you should allow yourself from 1/2 to 1 lb. of butter in which to cook the bird. Melt the butter in a small saucepan and pour it over the bird just before it goes in the oven. If you wish a crisp skin to the bird, flour, pepper and salt the bird lightly before pouring on the butter.

Code slowly in a moderate oven, increasing the heat for the browning process of the last half-hour. At 15 minutes' cooking per pound of bird, plus the extra half-hour at the end.

Stuffings

WHAT you stuff your birds with is entirely a question of your individual palate. A chestnut stuffing is excellent with either

turkey or chicken at this time of year.

For this allow one pound of chestnuts to a good-sized bird, and boil them thoroughly in their skins first. Then plunge into cold water and leave for ten minutes. By that time the skins should come off quite easily, including the brown, fibrous under-skin.

Pound the chestnuts very finely. Bind the nuts with a little butter and either cream or eggs. Add salt, pepper, and a tiny pinch of mustard to flavour, and fill the bird tightly.

Your Christmas beef should be ten days old; then it will be in really perfect condition. Wing ribs and sirloin are the most popular joints. The flesh should be bright red. If it is at all purple it is stale, and if it is a very pale red it will be tough.

Wipe the joint over with a wet cloth and then flour thoroughly with flour in which you have mixed salt and pepper in your dredger. Cook in a deep dish with a good knob of butter on top as well as any beef dripping you may have. Baste all joints frequently unless you are using a cover.

Serve with butter pudding and at least two vegetables.

Watch Your Windows

MANY modern houses have such delightful broad window-sills that they deserve to be well dressed. Window-sills lend a great deal of character to a room if the housewife has taste and ingenuity.

In a house seen recently every room possessed its window ledge and each was differently dressed to suit the individual need of the room.

The lounge, for instance—a large blue room overlooking a busy street, and therefore having net curtains right across the windows—had a tall cream vase in the centre of the sill filled with delphiniums to match the colour scheme, flanked by a pair of squat vases of a pale shade of blue, each filled with a small posy of pink and blue flowers. The effect was pleasing against the mistiness of the net curtains.

Books, by the way, should be put on window ledges where they do not show from outside. Placed in uncurtained windows with only the

I'M GOING to be MARRIED on New Year's Eve

"**S**UCH a rush I've had." The manageress of a dressmaking establishment said to me—

whilst I was being fitted for a new dress. "I'm going to be married on New Year's Eve. We've got the house, what about you giving a hand with the furnishing?" she whispered in her best wheedling voice.

"Right," I said, "that's easy. You'll spend the afternoon at the Woman's Fair with me. Everything you want you will find there under one roof."

"But mind," I said, as later on we went into Olympia. "No fun and games this afternoon. You can come back later with your young man and enjoy the fun of the fair, but to-day it's serious business."

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"**A**s you are going to continue your business for a time you want a house that will practically run itself, and there will be no better servant than electricity."

In the Pavilion devoted to electrical equipment we found all that was worth while in stoves and lighting, heating and labour-saving.

"Wait a minute for colour schemes," I said. "First you want help about the workshop of the house, so let's absorb some of the details in the model health and cleanliness kitchen."

We then looked round for the newest ideas in labour-saving. One of the latest things about modern times and

edges of the volumes seen from outside, they do not look their best. In the kitchen, where the colour scheme is green and white, a white window sill with a tubby green vase kept filled with the cottage garden type of flower looks effective.

A dining-room recently seen had one of those delightful flower rings holding short-stemmed flowers on its broad sill, and on each of the smaller sides—it was a bay window—a small one to match filled with a similar colour scheme of flowers.

Windows are so prominent a part of any room that it pays to make them attractive if taste and simplicity are the keynote. P. M.

Janet Jay with
a Bride-to-Be
at Woman's Fair



We've already signed the agreement for the house.

The modern kitchen is that "Black Monday" need not exist any more.

Given the proper washing equipment, you can get through the week's laundry, sheets and all, in double quick time and have it ironed and out of the way by Tuesday.

The first thing I noticed about the new Hotpoint electric cabinet washing machine is that the unarmel top is just the right height to use as an extra table, and beautifully cool for pastry making. So the washing machine is a useful piece of furniture and does not waste floor space.

Opened up, the cabinet reveals an efficient washing machine which is as easy to use as a vacuum cleaner. The wringer, which slows away in a cupboard in the base of the cabinet, adjusts its tension automatically to the material going through, and the soft roller is kind to buttons and press studs.

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THE bowl itself is octagonal; a new idea to ensure maximum agitation of the soapy water and thorough washing of every kind of material.

You can choose a vacuum cleaner to suit your own particular needs on the Goblin stand. If you have large carpets or fitted carpets, the sweeper type of cleaner is usually satisfactory.

I noticed that the Goblin "Monarch" a vibrator-sweeper cleaner which gently beats all embedded dirt and grit out of the carpet, is made in a sensible size so that it is not too bulky to stow away in a cupboard.

If you have heavy curtains, picture rails and so on to keep clean, the cylinder type cleaner is probably the best type for you, because it has a good range of necessities for dealing with all the odd corners about the house.

The carpet nozzle of the Goblin "Clean Sweep" cylinder cleaner, I noticed, has an agitator device for picking up cottons.

The price complete, by the way, is six and a half guineas.

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So many people have spoiled their floors with rugs that I made a special note of a new automatic polisher on another stand.

You can use this with a long handle for floors or a short one for furniture. It carries its own supply of wax, which is automatically spread over the floor surface, and for polishing you simply polish over the wax. The standard model costs 7s. 6d.

"As you usually forget to wind your watch up," I remarked, "what about that clock which plugs into a central A.C. mains and goes on and on without stopping? Or you can have a self-contained battery unit which won't need another thought for 800 days. A faithful servant that is never absent, never late!"

We watched a new miniature electric grill trying bacon and grilling Welsh rabbit on a plate, and a girl moving grease stains from a silky fabric with a dab of powder and a little water. And several coal cookers were working just as they would in your own kitchen!

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"**CARPETS**," exclaimed my dressmaker friend. "I need guidance about these." "There's your object lesson," I said, as we gazed at a lovely range of self-coloured ones on The Times Furnishing stand. "Self-colours you have agreed upon right through the house, except in the dining-room—where a well-covered pattern helps to obliterate footmarks round the table and stains from spills by the sideboard."

"Fawn beige is the fashionable underfoot colour at the moment. You can have a pinky tone or a yellowy one, according to your scheme."

"A man needs feeding," she said. "Let's go up to the food gallery."

We lingered here sampling. Ut-bits both sweet and savoury. They all tasted so fresh and good, which set me thinking that it was time to start ordering extra supplies for Christmas. Soup is a grand standby for all times, and on the Heinz stand we found the full range of cream and meat soups.

I was told that the distinctive flavour

of each one is due to the fact that each soup is prepared from its own special ingredients. Rich cream is the basis of all the cream soups, and nutritious cuts of meat are used for the meat varieties.

"We have left the mothercraft section until last," I said, "as that seems to be the most important of all."

"Maybe," my friend said, with a tiny smile. "But that department can wait for the time being. There's a time for everything!"

CUSTOMS TARIFFS

Drastic Restrictions
In North China

Shanghai, Dec. 22. Reports are freely circulating in usually well-informed circles in Tientsin, according to a report from that city, that a number of changes in Customs tariffs for North China are at present under consideration.

It is understood that last month the Peiping Provisional Government authorities drew up a list of items the importation of which it was proposed to restrict drastically. The list is said to comprise 95 numbered sections, including all luxuries.

The German Chamber of Commerce reports that it has obtained an advance list which, it is stated, would later be made available to other importers.

The authorities in close touch with the Provisional Government denied the reports when they were first circulated, and since the announcement of the American credit loan to the Chinese Government and the reported impending British loan, reports of a revision of the Customs tariffs have begun to circulate with greater persistency. Rumours go as far as to suggest that there will be a prohibition on the import of all but Japanese goods into North China.

Revenue Increases

None of these reports or rumours can be confirmed, but it is the general impression here that the final intentions of the Provisional Government have not yet crystallised. Imports into Tientsin have increased heavily during recent months. The increases are generally believed to indicate, firstly, that goods are again reaching consumers in the interior, secondly, that importers increased their stocks owing to fears of extreme restrictions against imports, and, thirdly, uncertainty over the currency situation resulted in goods being hoarded in preference to cash.—Reuter.

A Trans-Ocean message from Shanghai says the Japanese authorities there profess complete ignorance of the matter.

The Customs authorities state that officially they have received no information to that effect and that no definite ban had been imposed so far but they add that they are aware that import restrictions are to be tightened up considerably in the near future.

Japanese Report

Shanghai, Dec. 22. Confirmation of reports that a revision of Customs tariff in North China might be expected in the near future was given by the Japanese news agency Domei-to-day. It states that revision of the present tariff is one of the questions to be discussed at a meeting of representatives of both the Reformed and Provisional Governments which opened in Peiping to-day. Other questions to be discussed include regulation of raw cotton exports, postal administration, consolidated tax system, exportation of raw materials and control of trade.

The adhesion of the federated Mongolian Autonomous Government and the recently formed Canton Peace Maintenance Commission to the joint commission of the two Governments will also come up for discussion, it is understood. The Nanjing delegation includes Ling Chung-chih, Wen Tsung-yao, Chen Chun and Hsin Chi-feng, and the Provisional Government delegates are Wang Keh-nin, Wang J-ang and Chu Shen—Reuter.

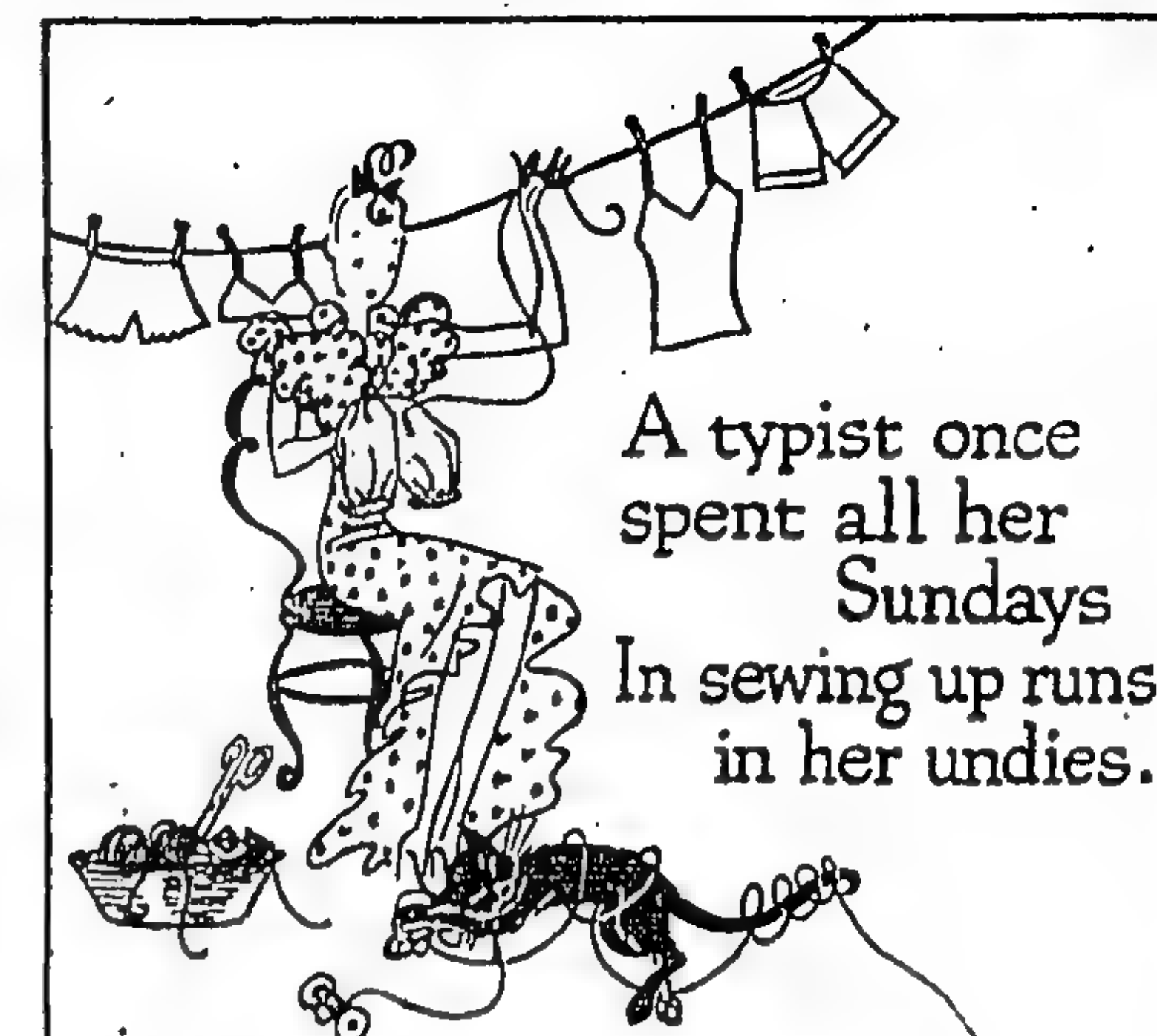
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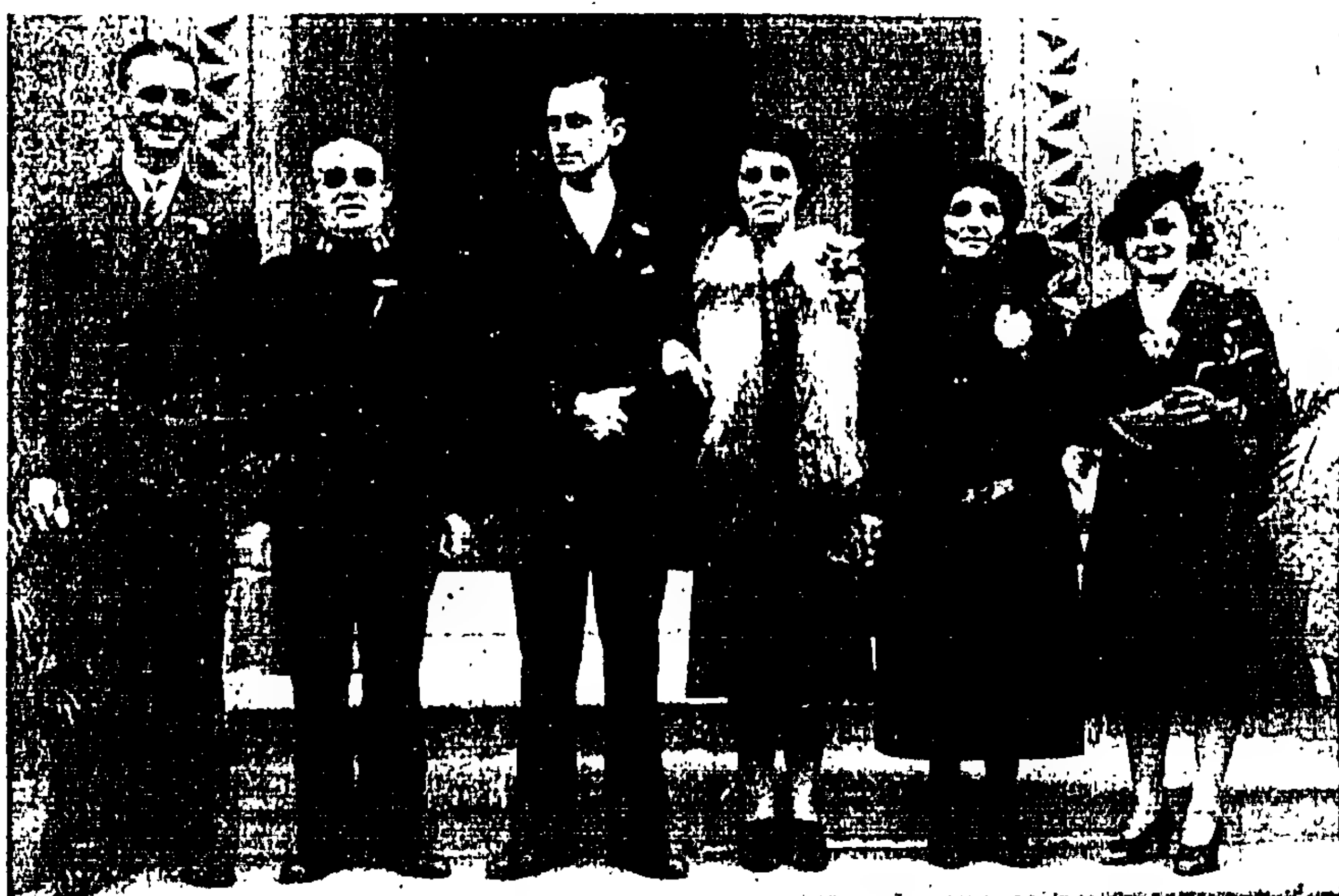
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Coming Attraction



"IF I WERE KING"

PHOTO NEWS



Group photograph taken after the recent wedding of Mr. L. A. Scopes, Vice-Consul in Sharnoon, and Miss Brunhilde S. Rolfo, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. V. E. Rolfo.—King's Studio.



An enjoyable Christmas dinner party for service men was recently given by the Ladies Committee of the Cheero Club when the above photograph was taken.—King's Studio.



The shops in Hongkong are contributing to the Christmas spirit by decorating their windows for the celebrations.

LEFT: Dodwell and Co. advertise hampers.

BELOW: "Craven A" is prominently displayed in another Dodwell window.

AT BOTTOM: The Lane, Crawford toy window.

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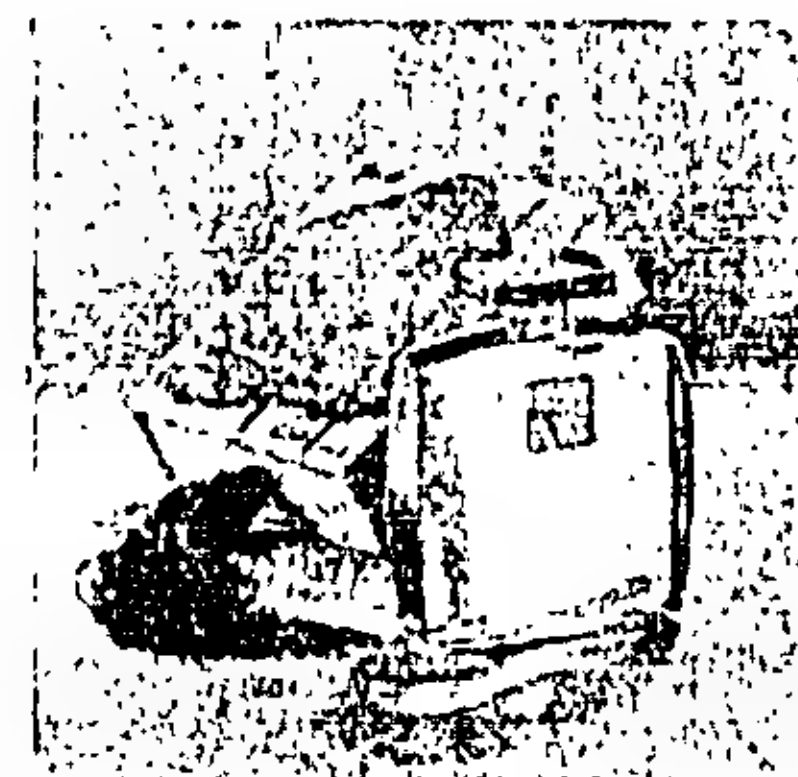
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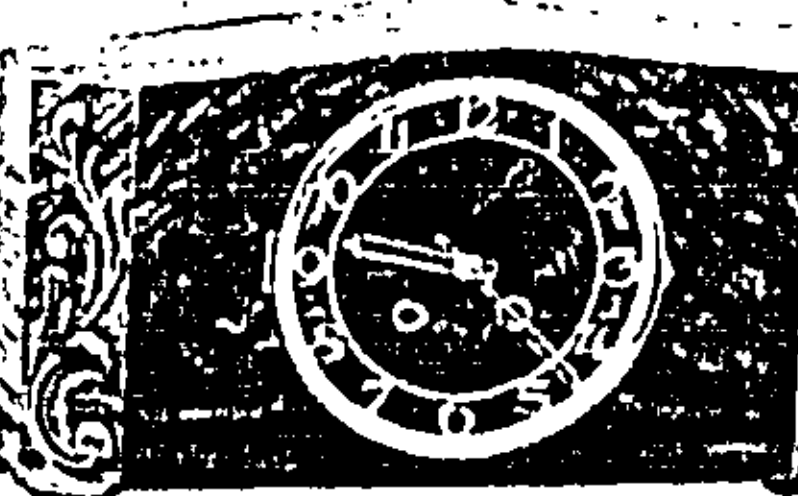
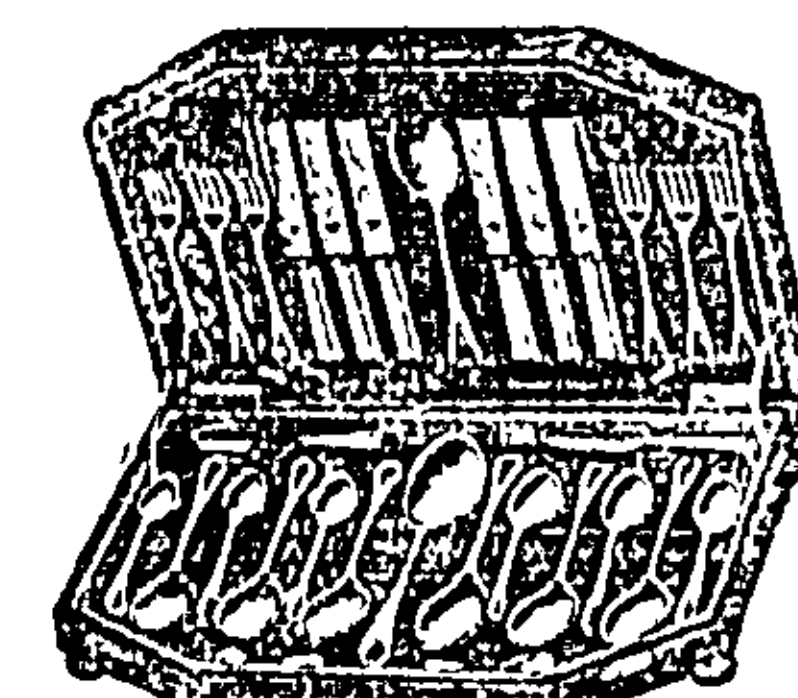
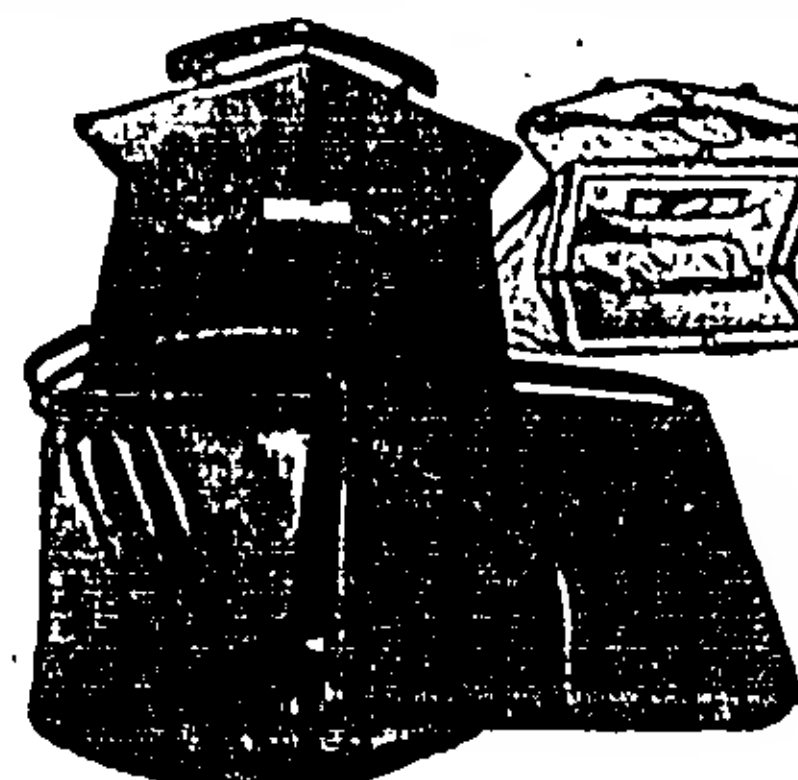
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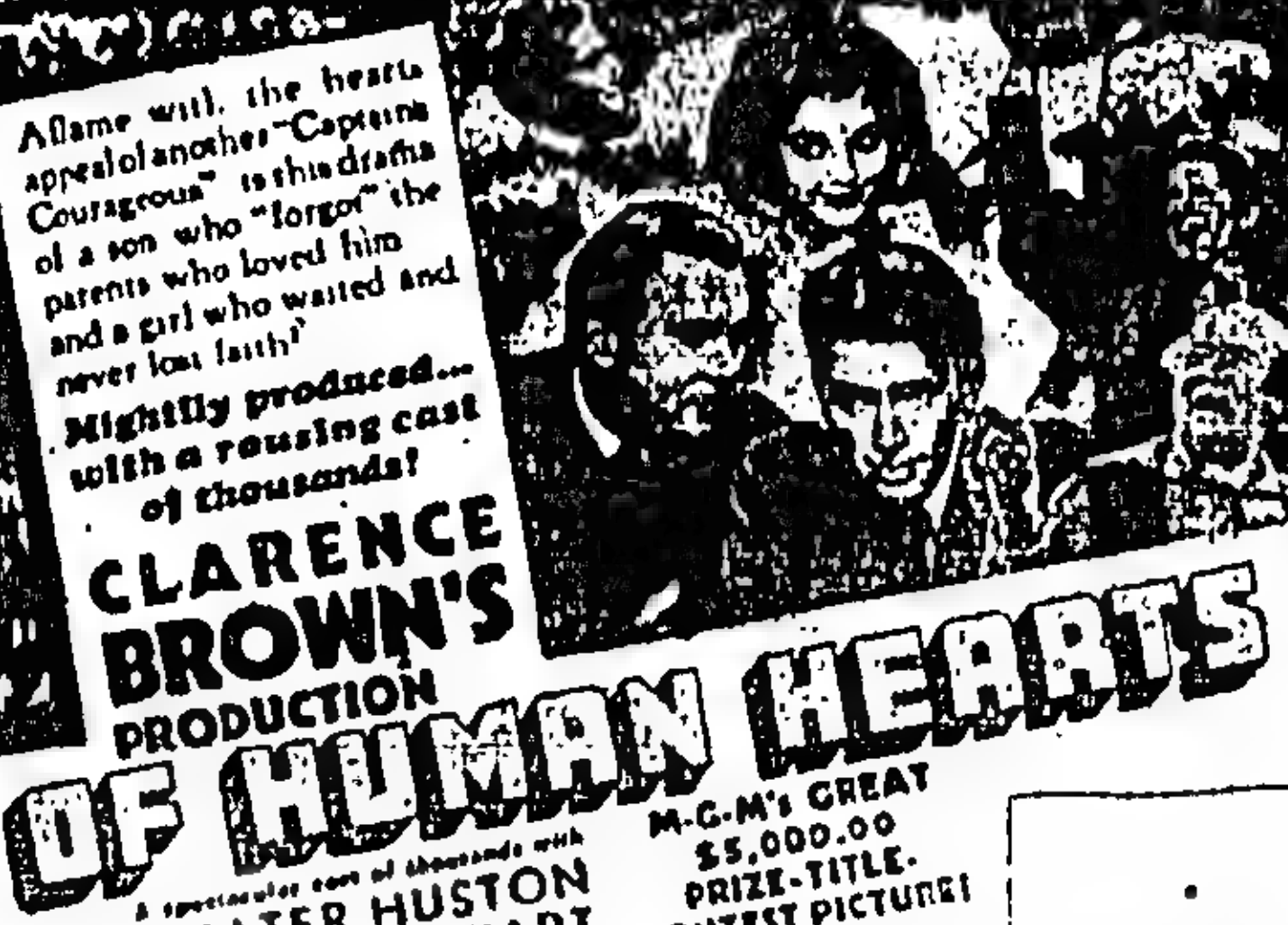
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DUCHESS DEFEATED
Unexpected Result Of Kinross Election

London, Dec. 22.
The Government candidate, Mr. W. McNair Snadden, scored an unexpected victory by a majority of 1,313 over the Duchess of Atholl, standing as an Independent, in the Kinross, West Perthshire, by-election.
The Duchess of Atholl, who had been Member of Kinross since 1923, recently resigned on account of disagreement with Mr. Chamberlain's foreign policy, but was standing for re-election.
Although Opposition Liberal and Labour members frowned on the activities of a number of their prominent members on behalf of the

Tax Tokens Hoarded

El Reno, Okla.
The state puts out sales tax tokens by the thousands here but redeems them only by the hundreds. "We have come to the conclusion," says Miss Brissy Braden, El Reno tag agent, "that someone either is hoarding the little one-and-five-cent pieces or burying them in wholesale lots."

Duchess, a large number assisted and encouraged her. The Duke helped his wife, who has taken a large part in political and philanthropic organizations in the ducal stronghold covering the constituency.
Mr. Snadden, who is 42 years of age, is a breeder of short-horn cattle and the son of a Presbyterian minister. The constituency is one of the largest in Britain, being 65 by 65 miles in some parts.—Reuter Special.

ROBBED MISTRESS

Ungrateful House-Boy Gambles With Loot

Taking advantage of his mistress' absence, a house-boy, Chan Kwong, 20, stole a leather suitcase containing four gold bangles, six gold finger rings, a piece of jade, gold necklace, brooch, fountain pen, gold wrist-watch, metal pocket watch, \$100 in Shanghai currency, and two handbags, the whole worth several hundred dollars, and fled to Macao, where he disposed of the greater part of the property, and used the money in gambling.
The story of the theft was told to Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday.
Detective Sub-Inspector W. N. Durkin said Chan was formerly employed by complainant's husband, and after his death, complainant, Wu Yiu-ling, took Chan into her employ at No. 144 Gloucester Road. Chan worked there about three weeks, and apparently knew where the jewellery was kept.
When he was arrested in Macao, only two watches, the piece of jade and the gold necklace were recovered.
Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.
Mr. P. H. Sin appeared for the complainant.

CUFF-LINKS STOLEN
A line of \$30, or five weeks' hard labour, was imposed on Pang Shun-min, unemployed, by Mr. E. Hims-worth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, for larceny of gold cuff-links valued at \$17, from the Wing Tai Jewellery shop, No. 3 Canton Road, on Monday.
To Hing-min, a girl employed by the shop, stated that defendant with two others, entered and looked at the show-case. He asked to see some cuff-links, and handed a pair to one of the other two men whereupon all three ran out. Only defendant was arrested.

THREE MAKES HAUL
Entering No. 3 Jordan Road on Wednesday a thief stole jewellery, money and clothing valued at \$100, belonging to Wong Yuen-fai.

LOSSES REPORTED
The loss of a Rolex wrist-watch, and a gold watch chain, valued at \$250, somewhere between Sun Wui Camp and the Fanling cross-roads on December 19, has been reported to the police by Li Nwab Zaba Quililash, of the 5th/6th, Rajputana Rifles.
Mrs. S. Wates, of 224 Nathan Road, has reported that she lost her wrist-watch, valued at \$20, in the lounge of the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday.
Miss Martina Feneza has reported that she lost her fountain pen in her office in the Stock Exchange Building on Tuesday. The pen was valued at \$37.

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The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Salvation Army:
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Australian Mail

Coming By Delia This Morning

The Imperial Airways plane Delphinus reached Kai Tak at 4 p.m. yesterday with 700 kilos of mail from the United Kingdom. The Delia is expected at Kai Tak at 11 a.m. today with Australian mail.
A consignment of flowers arrived by the plane yesterday, and earlier this week a small case of insects from Batavia came through. They will be sent by Clipper to Honolulu to celebrate investigating pineapple plagues.
Two planes are due on Christmas Day with mails.

BY AIR FRANCE

The following passengers reached Hongkong at 11.30 a.m. yesterday from Hanoi:
Messrs. Leighton, J. Rondon, Walsh, W. Jenks, Ryder, Major Pritchard, Van Sickle, and two Chinese passengers.

ATTEMPT ON RECORD

Milano, Dec. 22.
The German aviator, Pulikowski, yesterday left Bengal airport in Lybia in a small Avia type of plane equipped with 100 horse power Hirth engine. In an attempt to establish a long distance flight record for regular air service, Pulikowski will make his first stop in Calcutta and will then proceed in stages to Australia.—Trans-Ocean.

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For France via Hanoi: Air France, 6.30 a.m. December 24.
Inward
From London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways Delia, 11 a.m. December 23; Imperial Airways Dec. 25.
From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweichow: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Services indefinite.
From U.S.A., via Honolulu, Guam, Manila: Pan American Philippine Clipper 12.30 p.m. December 28; China Clipper 12.30 p.m. January 4.
From France, via Hanoi: Air France, 12.30 p.m. December 29.

CONTROL OF AMOY

Inauguration of New City Government

Shanghai, Dec. 22.
A new City Government of the important port of Amoy in Fukien province will, it is reported, be inaugurated in order to replace the present Japanese-controlled Peace Maintenance Commission.
It is believed that January 1 has been fixed as the inauguration date. Amoy is the only port occupied by the Japanese on the vast stretch of coast between Shanghai and Canton. The Japanese hold only the town itself, the immediate hinterland of which is in Chinese hands.—Trans-Ocean.

"THE THREE BEARS"

Mrs. O. C. Womack and her cast have every reason to feel happy at the warm support afforded by the public to their little Pantomime "The Three Bears," given this week at the Helena May Institute. Every cent was sold for all three performances, and many took tickets for "standing-room-only."
The children in the audience shouted with pleasure at the antics of the Bears, and were duly thrilled by the Picaninies, the Coon and the Bogyman. Little Vivian Ralston, who played "Silkylocks," proved to be most popular with the audience, who also appreciated the dainty dancing of Suzanne Compton and the "Christmas Fairy" while Mr. T. R. Rowell scored a great success as the British "Bobby."

Y.M.C.A. FIXTURES

The following European Y.M.C.A. fixtures are notified:
Saturday, Dec. 23, Christmas Day. Social Service at 9 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 26, Boxing Day. "Cinderella" at 9 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 27, "Cinderella" at 9 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 28, Services Christmas Dinner and Concert at 7.30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 29, Dadminton at 8.30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 30, Women's Section: Bridge Class at 10 a.m. and Practice Play. Dadminton at 8.30 p.m.

LATE NEWS

Air Mail Delayed Until 1 P.M.

Stormy weather over the Gulf of Tonkin delayed the departure of the Imperial Airways Delia by over an hour this morning at Hanoi.
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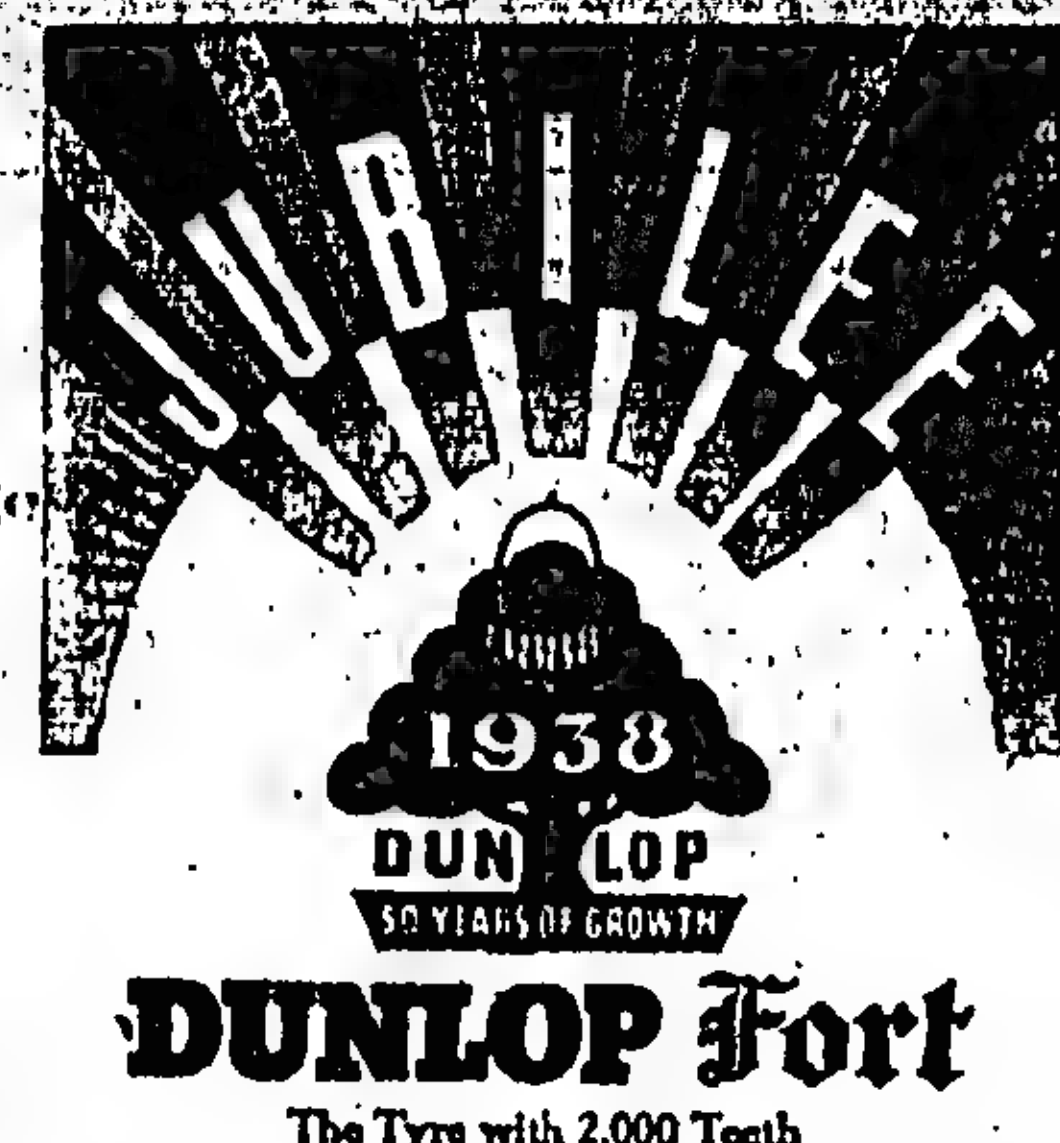
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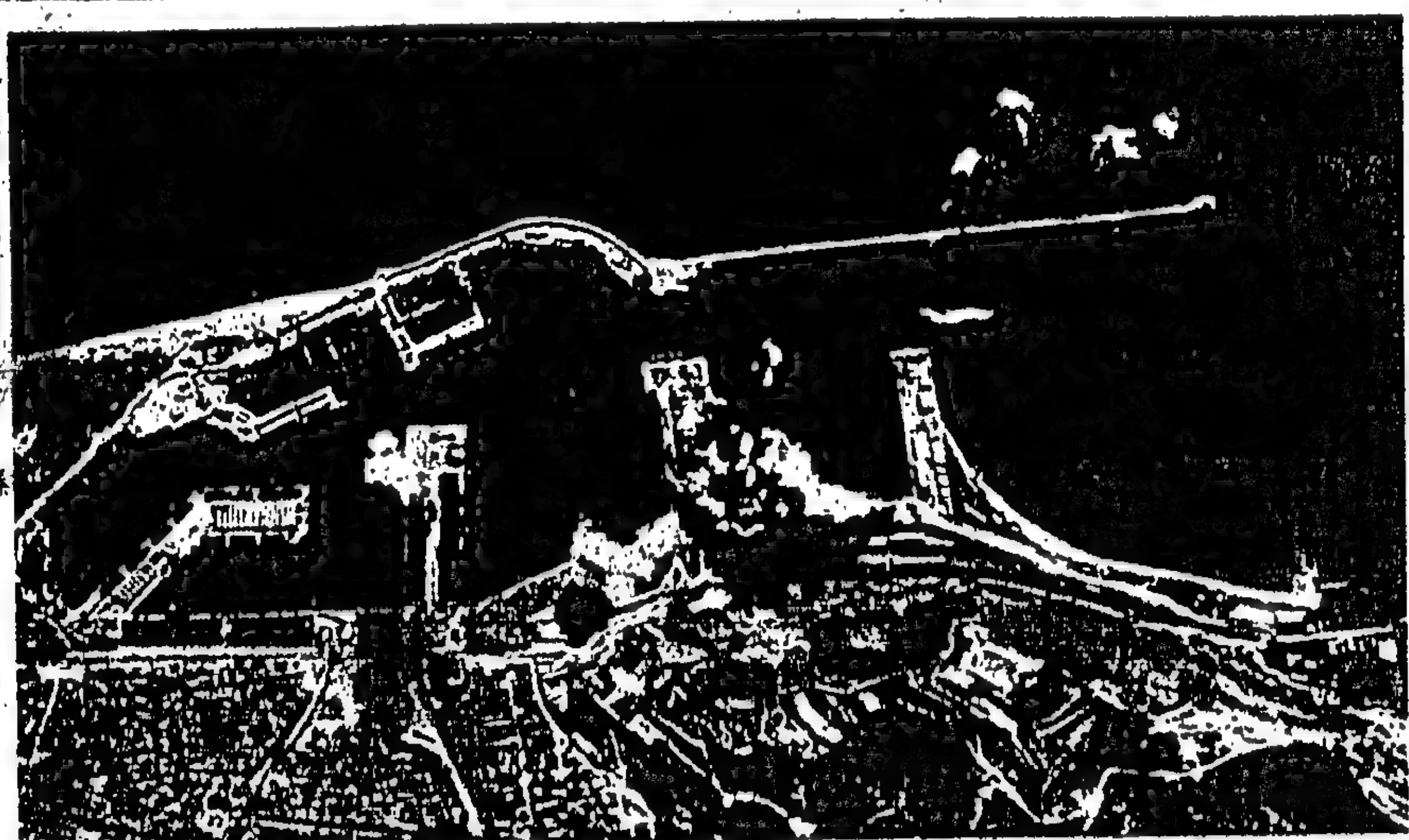
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"Hongkong Government Unable To Cope With Situation"

COMMONS ATTACK ON DRUG POSITION IN FAR EAST



ATTACKED BY ITALIAN "Legionary" bombers, Barcelona, capital of Catalonia, photographed from one of the raiders, with bombs bursting on the quays and among shipping, and one ship making off to sea.

TOKYO PAPER DEMANDS RETURN OF H.K. TO CHINA

Japanese Terms For Ending War

TOKYO, Dec. 23. BROADCASTING last night, Premier Prince Konoye laid down the conclusion of a Sino-Japanese anti-Comintern Pact, and the placing of economic co-operation between China and Japan on a footing of equality as the guiding principles for the readjustment of relations between Japan and the New China.

The inauguration of full diplomatic relations between Manchukuo and China was another principle mentioned by Prince Konoye.

The Premier's statement in connection with a Sino-Japanese anti-Comintern Pact says that Japan in this matter demands that Japanese troops be stationed at specific points as long as the pact is in force.

In connection with economic co-operation, the Premier declared that Japan does not intend to exercise economic monopoly in China, and she does not intend to demand China to limit her interests with third Powers who grasp the meaning of a new East Asia, and are willing to act accordingly.

Furthermore, "Japan not only respects the sovereignty of China, but she is prepared to give positive consideration of the questions of the abolition of extraterritoriality and the rendering of concessions and settlements, matters which are necessary for the full independence of China."—Reuter.

U.S. REACTIONS

Washington, Dec. 22. The Under Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, declined to comment on Premier Konoye's statement pending receipt of the official version.

Unofficial circles considered that the newest aspect of Premier Konoye's statement was the projected abandonment of extraterritoriality. (Continued on Page 4.)

RECALLING THAT HONGKONG was ceded to Great Britain as a result of the "Inhuman" Opium War of 1841, the influential "Kokumin Shimbun" demands that Britain should be forced to withdraw west of the Arabian Sea.

"The British Colony of Hongkong has now been turned into a base for smuggling activities in South China," the newspaper asserts.

"There are no moral grounds whatever on which Britain can base any claims for retention of this important Chinese port. Least of all, has Britain any claims to what are known as the New Territories."

"If the present situation is allowed to continue without being remedied, the demand will eventually be made that Britain should abandon Hongkong and Singapore and withdraw its garrisons from India."

"The exploitation of these centres of the Orient has compromised the cause of lasting peace in Asia." The "Kokumin Shimbun" is not alone in its attack on Britain.

The "Nichi Nichi" predicts that the recent British and American gains to China will be followed by "more bluff," economic pressure and propaganda against Japan in an attempt to create an international situation which will compel Japan to yield.

The "Nichi Nichi" instances the rumour of an inevitable outbreak of war between Japan and the Soviet Union in April next year which, it claims originated in London, and is a "typical case of British propaganda against Japan."—Reuter and "Telegraph" Special.

Commons Adjourns For Christmas

London, Dec. 22. The House of Commons to-day adjourned for the Christmas recess until January 31, subject to re-assembly if public interest requires. Mr. Chamberlain, in moving the adjournment, declared: "I am happy to think that whatever the perils of this season may be, there is no reason to anticipate that we shall have to put the proviso into force."

The Premier is spending Christmas at Chequers, and afterwards will stay with friends for a few days before departing for Rome.

Several members of the Cabinet are spending their holiday abroad, and others will scatter to their homes in different parts of the country.—Reuter.

3,000 Dens In Colony, Speaker Alleges

LONDON, Dec. 22. LIEUT.-COMMANDER R. T. H. FLETCHER (Lab.) raised matters in the House of Commons to-day on a motion for the Christmas adjournment arising from the report of the advisory committee on drugs at Geneva.

He reviewed the proceedings there, and asked what was the "vigorous action" being taken by the British Government in accordance with a resolution regarding the drug traffic passed at Geneva, which reiterated that the situation in China was deteriorating under Japanese influence.

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher referred to the situation in Hongkong, where the local Government was unable to cope with the drug traffic.

He said there were over 3,000 heroin dens in Hongkong, and over 300,000 opium and heroin pills were consumed there daily, and there were 40,000 opium addicts.

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher mentioned Russell Pasha's report, and said: "His allegations are in respect to the drug traffic in areas under direct and indirect Japanese control."

JAPAN UNDOING GOOD WORK

The speaker charged Japan with undoing the League's good work and of fostering illicit drug traffic throughout the world as an instrument of policy to promote the degradation of the Chinese. If those charges were true, he would like to ask the House how far we could call Japan a civilised nation.

"I had never had a very great admiration for the British slogan that trade follows the flag, but he preferred it to the Japanese slogan that drugs follow the flag."

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher quoted reported facts and figures in the course of a scathing indictment of Japan in connection with drugs.

Mr. R. A. Butler, replying, gave the House information derived by the Government from various parts of the Far East.

One very serious feature of the growth of the traffic was the growth in the use of heroin, which was far more serious to use than opium—itsself a terrible gripping vice.

After referring to the steps now being taken by the British and Japanese authorities in mutually communicating information regarding the proceedings and movements of persons known to be engaged in the illicit traffic, Mr. Butler said that although it might not give an immediate solution to a grave problem, it at least meant that we were in close touch with the representatives of Japan, and that thus we were able to illustrate the gravity we attached to the matter.

NOT DELIBERATE

Reviewing the position, Mr. Butler said that from information in the possession of Viscount Halifax, there was no evidence that the increase in drug traffic in China was the outcome of any deliberate plan on the part of the Japanese Government, or that it

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RONALD EGAN

MISSING H.K. YOUTH HOME AGAIN

RONALD EGAN, 20-year-old Hongkong youth who has been missing from his home in Kowloon since Tuesday, returned shortly before noon to-day.

"I have just had a report that he has arrived home," said his father, Mr. J. Egan.

"I cannot say yet where he has been, beyond that he came back from Macao."

"I want to thank the newspapers, the shipping companies, the police department and the broadcasting station for all the help they have given."

Narrow Margin In Daladier Vote

Paris, Dec. 22. By the narrow margin of seven votes (291 against 284) the Chamber of Deputies passed a motion of confidence in the Government, supporting authorization of new taxation and empowering the Government to levy 10,000 million francs additional direct and indirect taxes to enable balancing of the 1939 budget.—United Press.

INSKIP OUT OF GOVT., SAYS REPORT

LONDON, Dec. 22. SIR THOMAS INSKIP, Minister for the Co-Ordination of National Defence, has tendered his resignation to Mr. Chamberlain, according to the London "Evening News."

The Premier has refused to accept the resignation.

A statement from official quarters regarding Sir Thomas Inskip's intention to resign has not yet been made.

According to the "Evening News," Sir Thomas offered his resignation to the Premier in order to facilitate the eventual re-organisation of the Cabinet. —Trans-Ocean.

PLEDGE BY KOREANS TO GOVERNMENT

CHUNGKING, Dec. 22.

THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S PARTY has issued the following message to the Chinese people, pledging support for the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and China's resistance to Japanese invasion:

"It is more than sixteen months now since China began to fight her war of resistance against the invasion of the Japanese militarists."

"The entire Chinese army and people, under the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang, fighting with undaunted spirit, have not only smashed the Japanese

military's dream of a 'quick war,' but have also been able to take offensive measures, and achieved results in prolonged warfare."

"Japan has sent more than one million troops to China, invading from south and north and east with all her might."

"Innumerable cities have been destroyed by Japanese vandalism. But the opposition she met has greatly tired her, and she is now on the verge of collapse. Now mired deep in the interior, she will be soon forced disadvantageously to fight decisive battles in mountainous regions."

"On China's part, her resistance is for national existence. Under such circumstances, the greater sacrifices she makes, the stronger will be her will to resist. With the entire nation determined to fight to the last, it is certain that the final victory will be hers, and the two main objects, namely, enemy resistance (Continued on Page 4.)

FAREWELL LETTER BY FINANCIER

Blackmail And Wall Street Plunder

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.

"AS GOD IS my judge, I am the victim of a Wall Street plunder and blackmail in a struggle for honest existence," concludes a note by Coster-Musica, written on the night before his suicide. The note was discovered and made public by his lawyer.

The note exonerated his wife and brothers from any blame, saying: "my poor loving wife was ignorant of conditions," and that his brothers merely acted on his instructions because they believed it to be right, and trusted him.

Coster (whose real name is Musica) declared: "Bankers, lawyers, auditors, appraisers and incompetent high-society executives have bled McKesson, Robbins white."

The note said that the company should have been in the receivership's hands in 1930 and again in 1932 if its profits had not been bolstered in a frantic effort to save it.

The letter denied that narcotics and alcohol were involved in his (Continued on Page 4.)

U.S. Sharply Rejects Strong Nazi Protest

BERLIN, Dec. 22. THE GERMAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES in Washington has made a demarche to Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, energetically protesting against the speech delivered by Mr. Harold Ickes on December 18, in the course of which he hotly criticised Fascism, Nazism and the European dictators.

In an inspired statement to the foreign press, the Charge d'Affaires described Mr. Ickes' remarks as "vulgar invective, and defamatory declarations."

Well-informed circles consider the incident of Mr. Harold Ickes, whose anti-German speech has called forth an official demarche, merely as one of a series of events during the past few days exemplifying the stiffening of the American policy against the anti-Comintern Powers, the other indications being the credits extended to China, and the food to be sent to Spain.

It is recognised that if all the members of the Cabinet expressed themselves as freely as Mr. Ickes habitually does, the Government would be embarrassed, but Mr. Ickes has a special position of being the "whipping boy" for the Administration, often saying aloud what other eminent members must reserve for their intimates.

Hence the Administration can turn over an apology to the Reich without hypocrisy. Moreover, members of the State Department are thoroughly irked by what they regard as the attempted sabotage of the Lima conference by totalitarian emissaries, and are not in a mood to conciliate those who are believed to be guilty of provocation elsewhere.—Reuter.

U.S. WON'T APOLOGISE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. Mr. Sumner Welles disclosed to-day that the United States had rejected Germany's demand for an official apology for the speech delivered by Mr. Harold Ickes on December 18, in which he denounced Fascism as "crueller, if more refined, voodooism," and an ever-present threat to the United States, France and England.

Mr. Welles' statements to the German Charge d'Affaires, Dr. Thomsen, was couched in strong and uncompromising terms, which the United States (Continued on Page 4.)

NAVAL REVIEW IN H.K. Commander-in-Chief to Take Salute

THE ANNUAL INSPECTION of the Royal Naval and Royal Marine landing parties by the Commander-in-Chief, His Excellency Sir Percy Noble, will take place at Happy Valley on January 4, at 10 a.m.

Three seamen battalions and one Royal Marines battalion, comprising approximately 1,000 officers and men, will be on parade under Capt. E. J. P. Brind, of H.M.S. Birmingham.

The ships taking part are H.M.S. Kent, H.M.S. Cardiff, H.M.S. Birmingham, H.M.S. Medway and Submarine, H.M.S. Eagle, and 8th Destroyer Flotilla, besides Royal Marines.

The Commander-in-Chief will arrive at the racecourse at 10 a.m. and inspect the Brigade in line. The full dress rehearsal will take place on January 3.

LATEST

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Royal Family Leave For Sandringham

London, Dec. 22. The King and Queen, accompanied by Queen Mary and Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret, left King's Cross Station this afternoon for Wolferton on their way to Sandringham for Christmas.

This morning, the Princesses visited an exhibition of dolls and wardrobes presented to them by the children of France. With their governess they spent more than an hour at the exhibition. Since it opened on December 10, there has been an average attendance each day of more than 1,700 people and practically all the members of the Royal family have visited it. It has now been decided that the exhibition will remain open until January 7. Receipts from the charges for admission will be divided between French and British children's charities.—British Wireless.

GAOLED MAYFAIR MAN'S FATHER FOUND DEAD

WITHIN a few hours of learning that his son, one of the four young Mayfair men who raided a country house, had been sent to prison for 18 months, John Wirth Miller (58) was recently found dead in a gas-filled room at his Folkestone home.

Police made the discovery when they were called to the house in Bouverie Road West, following a smell of gas.

The night before Mr. Miller and his wife heard that their 25-year-old son, William John Miller, had been sentenced at Derby Assizes that day for his part with three others in breaking into a house at Chinley and stealing articles worth £300.

The son, formerly a solicitor's clerk in Folkestone, was then living at Archer Street, W.

"They felt the disgrace keenly," said a friend of the family, "and for some days before the trial Mr. Miller had been depressed."

"Father and son were estranged. When the son lived at home they did not speak to one another. I think the father felt that his son's mode of living would bring about his downfall sooner or later."

Mr. Miller, a German by birth, was a naturalised Englishman. He had been interned during the war at Alexandra Park.

He took out naturalisation papers after the war and for many years had lived at Folkestone, where he helped his wife to run a boarding-house.

DEADLY ARRIVALS AT THE ZOO

THE Zoo has just received one of its most dangerous consignments.

One hundred rattlesnakes (a bite from one can cause death in 20

"The Return Of The Duke"

The Duke of Windsor has accepted a march entitled "The Return of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor," composed and sent to him by Mr. Johnny Colnen and Miss H. Williamson, of Worthing, Sussex.

A letter of acceptance was received recently from the Duke's secretary.

Johnny Colnen wrote the music for the Edgar Wallace play, "The Crimson Circle." He is a violinist and Miss Williamson is his accompanist.



Mrs. C. I. Shand's pupils photographed at their recent annual pianoforte recital.—Ming Yuen.

Girl Conscious Again After 100 Days

AFTER being unconscious for more than 100 days, Miss Jenny Aitken has recovered consciousness and has been moved from hospital at Leven (Fife) to a nursing home.

Saves Babies

The difficulty of carrying out blood transfusions on very young children has been solved.

An apparatus has been designed by a member of the medical staff at the Royal Waterloo Hospital, and installed there, which makes it possible to give transfusions to babies only a few hours old.

The importance of the discovery is emphasised by the fact that there has recently been considerable mortality among London children from what has been called "summer sickness," though the complaint is not confined to any one season.

Where blood transfusion could be carried out the baby's life was almost invariably saved.

Her condition, however, is still serious.

The girl, an Anstruther bus conductress, fell from a bus as it was being driven through Leven, and received severe head injuries.

PARENTS' VIGIL

Her father and mother and other members of the family visited the hospital daily and kept vigil at the girl's bedside.

Her 24th birthday was celebrated while she lay unconscious.

Last year a London woman was unconscious for 135 days after falling from the roof of an Oxford Street store.

The new apparatus, is so simple that it can be got into action in three minutes, and all the parts that need sterilising could be packed in a half-pint mug.

School's Air Defence Squadron

LATIMER Upper School, Hammersmith, is the first school in the country to form an Air Defence Cadet Squadron.

The Air League of the British Empire aims to raise such cadet units in every town of 40,000 or more inhabitants, and cadets receive spare time training in aviation subjects.

Mr. F. Wilkinson, the headmaster, said, "The unit will be self-supporting and it will have the backing of the whole school."

"Henometer" Stamps Eggs

SYDNEY, Australia. Hens in Australia will soon be punching time clocks just like office and factory workers. A "Henometer" has been invented, which will automatically stamp each egg with the breed of the hen and the date of the egg. The device is intended to prevent the sale of preserved eggs for fresh ones.

At Christmas Time

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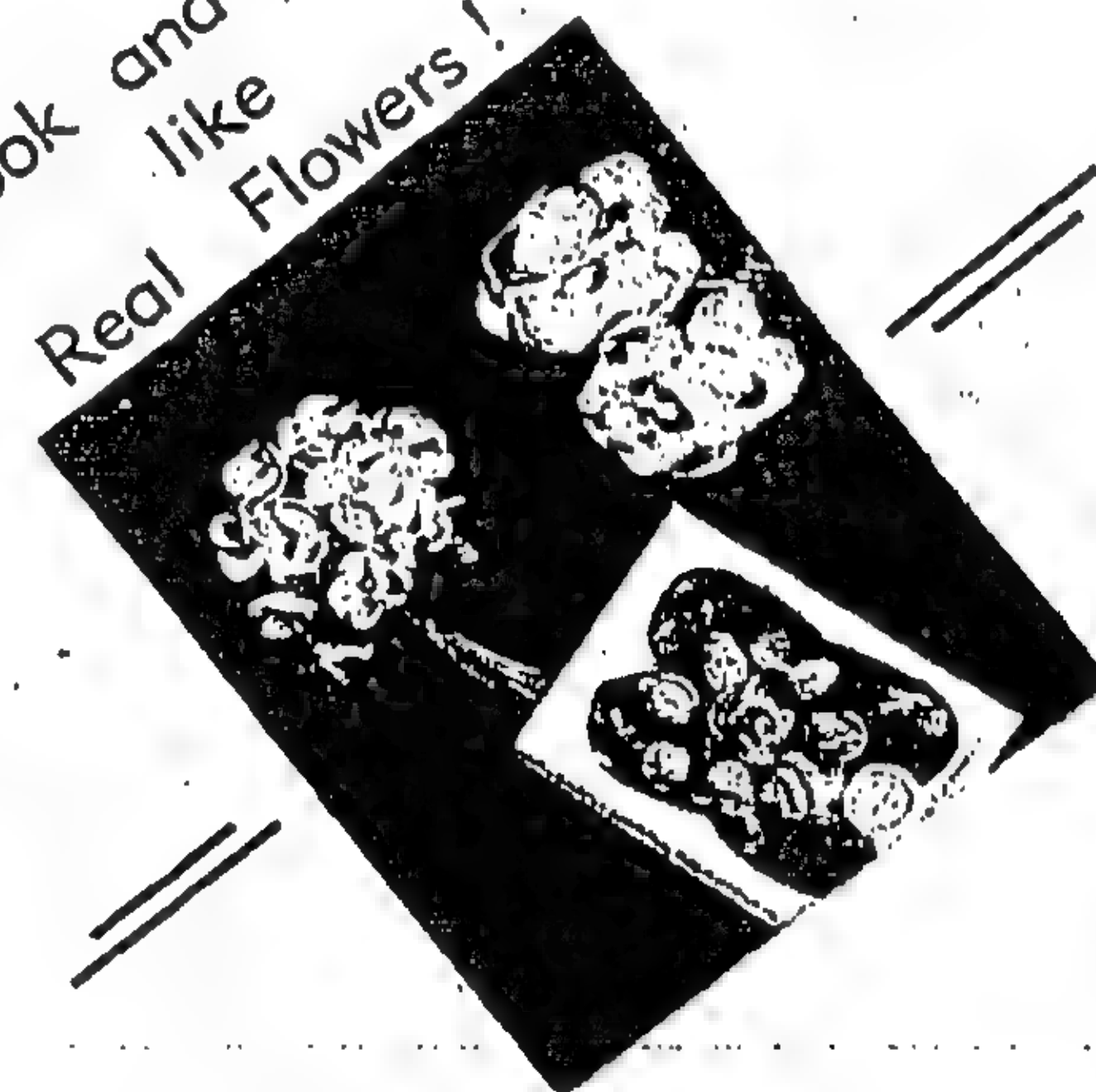
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 F170—Yes, Sir. Q.S.
 F103—Wabash Blues. F.T.
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Lord George Scott pictured with his fiancée, Miss Molly Bishop, outside the London nursing home where the latter has been a patient. As a result of Miss Bishop's illness the wedding has had to be postponed for a short while.

"Dummy Arms Cargo": More Evidence

MORE evidence about a "dummy consignment" was given at Bow-street recently when three men were charged with conspiracy to defraud the director of a Paris arms firm.

Frederick William, 50, metal merchant, of Tavistock-court, Tavistock-square, W.C.; his son James, 24, metal merchant, of Dorset House; and Dennis Michael Corrigan, 46, an agent, of Park-lane, W., were charged with conspiring with Chou Tin Shu and others unknown, to cheat M. Theodore Lafitte of £27,250. They are further charged with attempting to obtain a further £4,000 from M. Lafitte.

STONES AND SHAVINGS

It was alleged that M. Lafitte was told that certain armaments could be obtained from Woolwich Arsenal and was shown fictitious documents purporting to come from the Chinese Embassy.

M. Lafitte agreed to buy 50 machine-guns and half-a-million rounds of ammunition, and paid £27,250. When the goods arrived at Marseilles the cases were found to contain old stones and tyres, and wood shavings.

ARGUMENT IN FLAT

Leonard Joseph Myloski of Forburg-road, Stoke Newington, an export and import merchant, said he agreed to supply Corrigan with 550 cases of arms and munitions for China.

Later Corrigan said he wanted the cases for a dummy consignment as he suspected they were going to Spain. He said the correct consignment was already somewhere on the Continent.

Mr. Myloski said that he heard an altercation in Corrigan's flat between Shu, Corrigan and Frederick William. He said the correct consignment was already somewhere on the Continent.

BY BANK OF CHINA

Mr. Andrew Aitken, assistant manager of the Chase Bank of New York, told Mr. Du Cann that the manager of the Bank of China introduced Shu to his bank. Did he introduce him as a relative of Chiang Kai-Shek, the Chinese

Gracie Declines To Stop Being A "Comic"

Gracie Fields has no intention of adopting recent suggestions that she should stand for Parliament. Before she sailed from Southampton for America in the Normandie recently she said:

"I could not wrestle with that department—my own job gives me all the wrestling I can manage. Anyway, I'm not a bit interested in politics."

"I SHALL CARRY ON"

"I have no desire for anything more than my job and plenty of good songs to sing," she said. "I haven't even got a yearning to play any character other than my own—Hamlet included—and so long as I can go on being comic I shall be happy."

"As for making films in America, I like Americans very much, but my home and all my interests are here in England, so why should I leave them?"

"I shall just keep on carrying on as I am."

HER NEW PICTURE

Gracie is crossing to America to discuss with Darryl Zanuck and Monty Banks details of her new picture, "Sally of the Shipyards," in which the building of the new liner Queen Elizabeth will form the background.

She heard that her last film, "Keep Smiling," which Mr. Banks took to America with him a fortnight ago, has been accepted without a single cut.

Also aboard the Normandie were Marlene Dietrich and Cary Grant, the Bristol-born Hollywood star.

Nurse, 'Mother' At 10

The 10-years-old daughter of a 24-years-old fisherman acted as little mother to a sister aged two and as a nurse to a bedridden grandmother, it was stated at Grimsby recently.

Charles Frederick Lodge was sent to prison for three months for neglecting his daughters, Gwendoline, aged 10, and Henrietta.

Inspector Cook said the mother of the children was dead and the father left them in the care of their grandmother, who was 65, and paralysed. Lodge was found to be living with a married woman at another address.

Lodge denied that he had been cruel. He said he was unemployed and had done what he could for the girls.

Fell From A Pylon . . .

THROUGH touching a "live" wire while working on an electricity pylon, Mr. F. Fisher, of Richmond-avenue, Latchford, Warrington, Lancashire, was thrown to the ground and was killed.

Generalissimo, and a brother-in-law of Dr. Kung?—Not to my knowledge. Mr. Percy William A. Munday, a Foreign Office official, said that the name of Chou Tin Shu had never been submitted to the Foreign Office as an official of the Chinese Embassy. The case was adjourned.

A VICAR HATED SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mr. L. Minchin, for many years superintendent of St. Gabriel's Church Sunday School, East Ham, now closed by the vicar, recently said "Good-bye" to the children.

The vicar (the Rev. Cecil Clark) believes that Sunday schools are "based on two fallacies," and says, "as a child I hated being forced to attend."

With Miss E. Musto, who has been in charge of the girls for 24 years, Mr. Minchin shook the children by the hand and urged them not to forsake the church.

PARENTS MAY ACT

Some of the parents have decided to organise a petition to the Bishop of Chelmsford.

The vicar's plan is to replace Sunday school teachers by monitors in charge of "wards" and a head monitor.

After the vicar has instructed the children at a catechism service they will be questioned and awarded marks.

A seat will be allotted in the church to each child.

"NO PERSONAL DIFFICULTY"

"The change is in no way due to any personal difficulty between the teachers and myself," said the vicar. "It is the third church in which I have made the change. In any case surely the children have enough of school during the week."

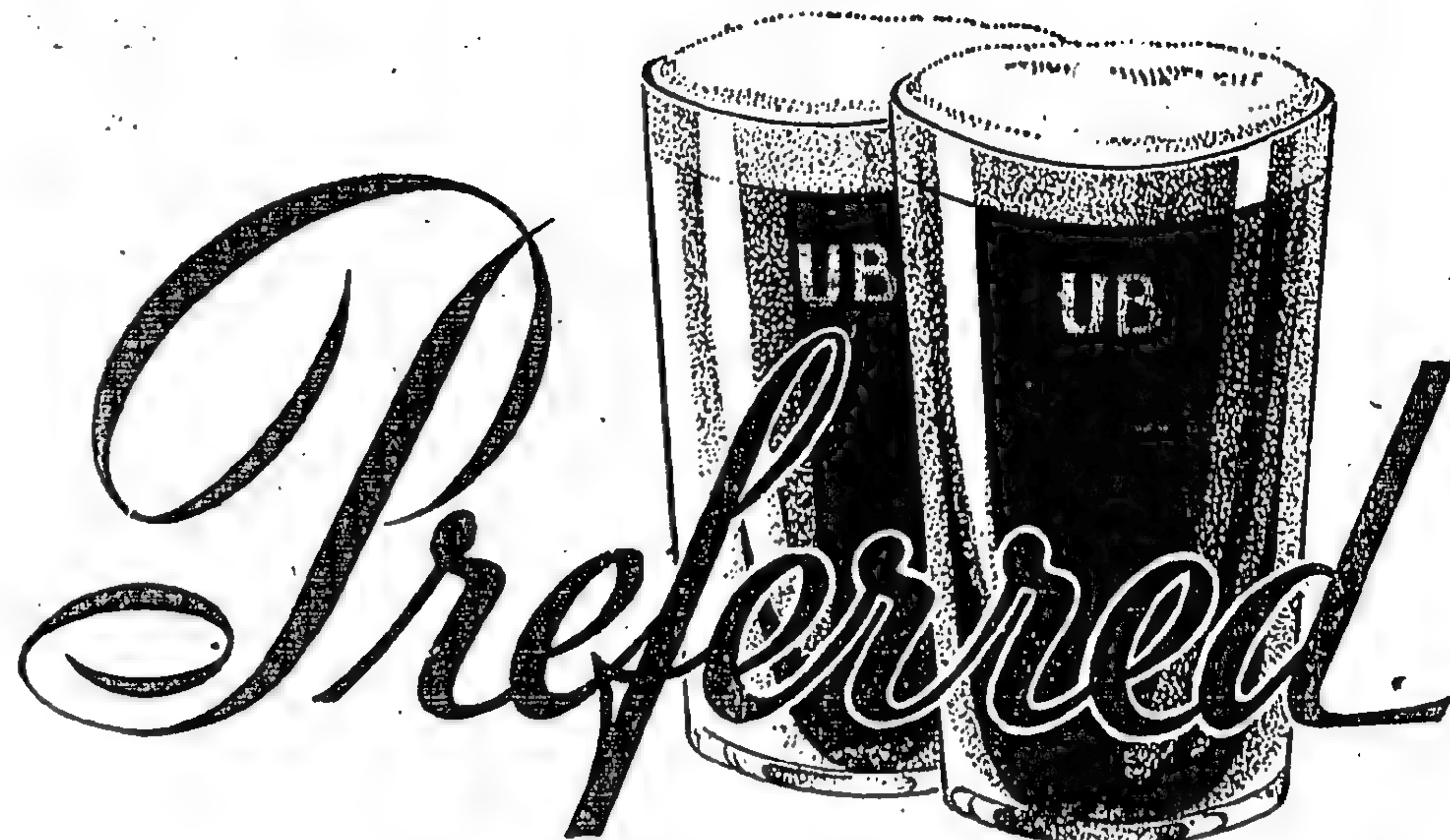
Fried Chicken "In Rough"

Boise City, Ida. "Chicken in the Rough" is now being served in local restaurants, although it originated at Oklahoma City. It consists merely of chicken cooked in the usual way, but eaten without knife or fork. No holds are banned. Plenty of napkins are provided.

"Sister Act" In Divorce

San Francisco. Although unrelated, Mrs. Edith Arnett and Mrs. Winon Hodges played a "sister act" in Superior Court here. Each asked for a divorce from her respective husband, and each acted as the corroborating witness for the other. Both got interlocutory decrees.

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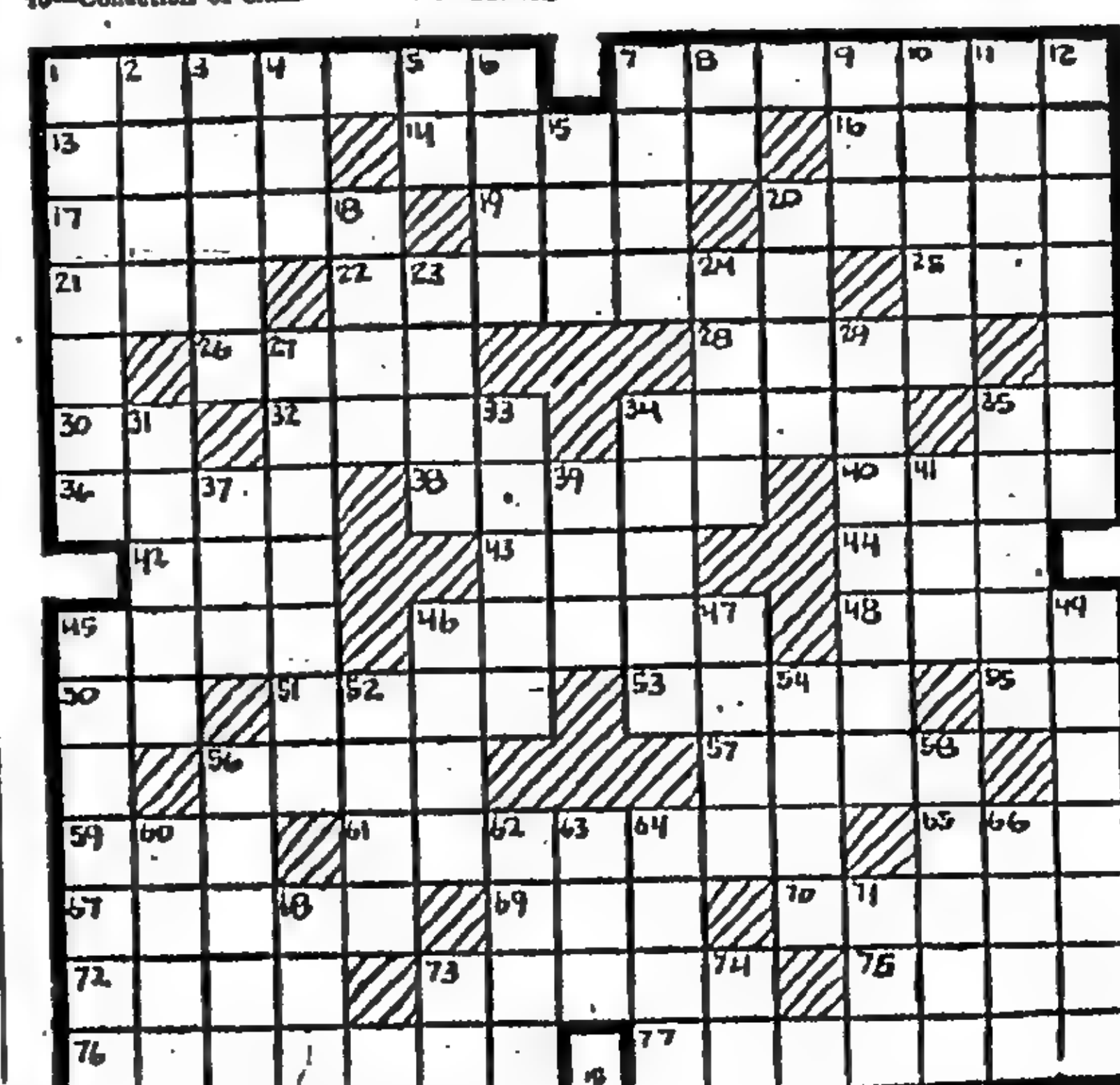


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Crossword Puzzle

By LAES MORRIS

<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1—One of romance legends 2—Faintest mammal 3—Cousin of rabbit 4—Fertile soil in desert 5—Unit of surface 6—Heat people 7—Civil War general 8—Aquatic mammal 9—Falsehood 10—Part of radio receiving system 11—Produce with difficulty 12—Painful 13—To the beginning (poetic) 14—Toward knot 15—Cut off closely 16—Tribesman 17—Twenty-two seventh 18—Cut off closely 19—Tribesman 20—Heroic poem 21—Hearing organ 22—Worthless leaving 23—Pail 24—Day of month 25—Type of potato 26—Fruit of circumferens 27—Editor (abbr.) 28—Holler 29—Performer 30—This boy 31—Body of land surrounded by water 32—Soft parts of paws 33—Unit of resistance 34—Gives notice to 35—Sewing stand 36—Long 37—Writing style 38—Collection of ideas</p>	<p>DOWN</p> <p>1—Kind of poet 2—Shared Indian language 3—First sign of sodas 4—Share 5—At all events 6—Shop 7—Carriage</p>	<p>ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE</p> <p>8—Under name of 9—Carpet 10—First eight lines of sonnet 11—Mirage 12—Disaster 13—Use eyes 14—Berry 15—Device for moving host 16—Tiger 17—Reptile 18—Law-like birds 19—Person in charge of domestic affairs of ship 20—Walls on 21—Make marmalade sound 22—Tried 23—Squares between thumb and forefinger 24—Cereal grass 25—Grass 26—Perfect score 27—Riffles 28—Snow vehicle 29—Drink excessively 30—Article of furniture 31—Ardu 32—Ornament 33—Likeness 34—At this place 35—Small bottle 36—Inner particulars 37—Give oblique position to 38—Wind instrument 39—Straight piece of wood 40—Place of cloth 41—Fruit of good 42—Note of scale</p>
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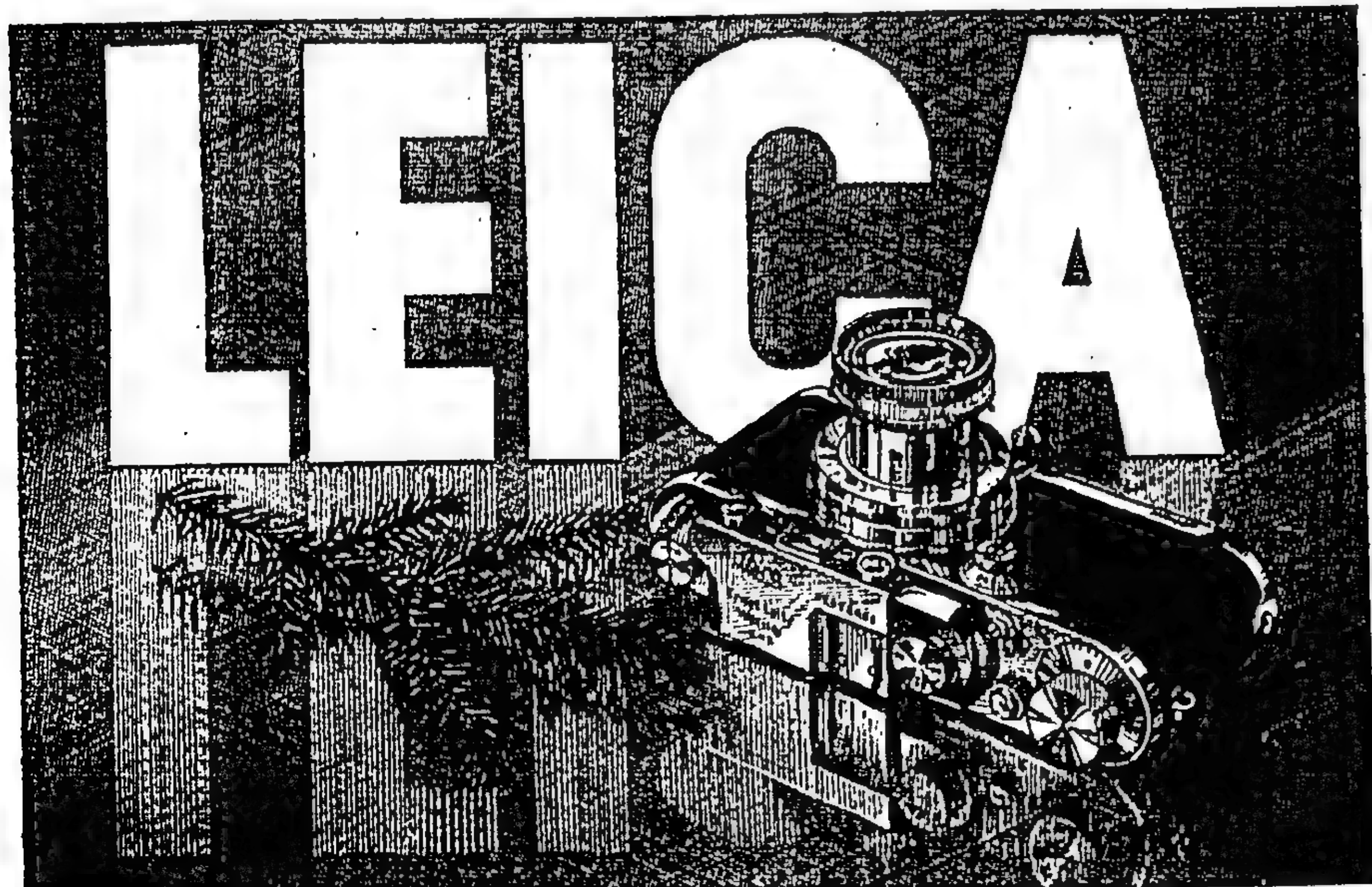


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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS
H.K. Banks, \$.....1,380 s.
H.K. Banks, Lon. \$.....81 n.
Chartered, \$.....9 1/4 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. \$.....210 n.
Mercantile, C. \$.....13 n.
East Asia \$.....88 n.

INSURANCES
Canton \$.....205 n.
Union \$.....485 n.
China Underwriters \$.....70 s.
H.K. Fire \$.....102 n.

SHIPPING
Douglas, \$.....\$01 1/4 s.
Steamboats \$.....\$18 n.
Indo-Chinas, P. \$.....\$00 n.
Indo-Chinas, D. \$.....\$24 n.
Shell Buoys \$.....\$07 7/8 s.
Waterboats \$.....\$9 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves \$.....\$115 b.
Docks (old) \$.....\$18 1/4 b.
Docks (new) \$.....\$17 1/4 s.
Providents (old) \$.....\$03 1/2 s.
Providents (new) \$.....\$01 1/2 s.
New Eng. Sh. \$.....\$06 1/2 n.
Shu. Docks, Sh. \$.....\$100 n.
Kaifu \$.....\$17 1/2 n.
Hauha \$.....\$03 1/2 s.
Venz: Goldfield \$.....\$3 n.
Hongkong Mines \$.....7 1/2 cts. n.

MINING
Antamoks Ps. \$.....50 s.
Atokas Ps. \$.....24 s.
Baguio Gold Ps. \$.....25 s.
Bonguet Con. Ps. \$.....12 1/2 s.
Coco Grove Ps. \$.....51 s.
Con. Mines Ps. \$.....27 1/2 s.
I.X.L. Ps. \$.....
Gumaua Ps. \$.....17 s.
Sun Maurelio Ps. \$.....20 s.
Suyo Conso. Ps. \$.....20 s.
Paracates Ps. \$.....64 s.

LANDS
Hotels \$.....6 1/4 n.
Lands \$.....36 s.
Lands 4 1/2 deb. \$.....107 1/2 s.
Sha. Lands Sh. \$.....\$0 1/4 s.
Humphreys \$.....\$9 s.
H.K. Realities \$.....\$5 b.
Chinese Estates \$.....\$90 n.

UTILITIES
Tram. \$.....\$17 b.
Peak Trams (old) \$.....\$0 3/4 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$.....\$3 1/4 n.
Star Ferries \$.....\$11 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries (old) \$.....\$22 1/2 s.
Y. Ferries (new) \$.....\$22 1/2 s.
China Light & Div. \$.....\$0 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric \$.....\$37 1/2 s.
Macao Electric \$.....\$17 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights \$.....\$10 3/4 s.
Telephone (old) \$.....\$23 n.
Telephone (new) \$.....\$0 1/2 n.
Traction \$.....\$21 1/3 n.
Singapore Pref. \$.....25/- n.

INDUSTRIAL
Cald: Macg. (ord.), Sh. \$.....\$14 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pre.), Sh. \$.....\$13 n.
Canton Ice \$.....\$17 1/2 n.
Cements \$.....\$16 1/4 s.
Ropes \$.....\$4 25 n.

STORES, &c.
Dairy Farms \$.....\$24 50 s.
Watsons \$.....\$7 45 b.
Crawfords \$.....\$0 s.
Sinceres \$.....\$2 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....\$30 n.
Powell Ltd. etc. \$.....\$0 1/2 n.

COTTON MILLS
Evo Cotton Ex. rt. Sh. \$.....10 1/4 n.
Shui Cotton Sh. \$.....10 1/4 n.
Zong Sing Sh. \$.....24 n.
Wing On Textiles Sh. \$.....40 n.

MISC.
H.K. Entertainments \$.....\$0 3/4 b.
Constructions \$.....\$1 1/4 s.
Vibro Piling \$.....\$0 3/4 b.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 \$.....75 1/4 n.
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2 Loan \$.....0% p.m. b.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 \$.....15 1/3 b.
Maramans (H.K.) \$.....3/- n.

Christmas Relief Work in China

London, Dec. 22.
According to the Daily Telegraph's Washington correspondent, a similar plan to that arranged for Spain is also being carried out by the Red Cross for relief of suffering in China. —
Reuter.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Monday and Tuesday, the 26th and 27th December, 1938. (Christmas Holidays).
Hongkong, 21st December, 1938.

CROWN LIFE INSURANCE CO. TORONTO—CANADA.

Effective 15th December, 1938, and by mutual arrangement, Messrs. Gilman & Co. Ltd., have relinquished The Crown China Agency and Messrs. Thomson & Co., Chartered Accountants, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, Hong Kong, are authorised to accept premiums and issue receipts to policy holders of Crown Life Insurance Co.

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ST. ANDREW'S BALL

For the convenience of Members and Guests of St. Andrew's Society attending the Ball to be held this evening, a special 5 minute service of Star Ferries will run between 9 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. and a special service from Kowloon to Hong Kong will run every 15 minutes between midnight and 1 a.m. and every half hour thereafter until 3 a.m. The Vehicular Ferry Service will be extended until 2 a.m.

The first Supper will be served at 11.15 o'clock p.m. (approx.) and all those desiring to participate therein should be seated in good time before this hour. No reservation of Supper Tables may be made.

Members and Guests are requested to note particularly that **ADMISSION TO THE BALL WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY AND THAT THESE CANNOT BE OBTAINED AT THE DOOR OF THE HOTEL.**

Entrance to the Hotel will be by the Main Doors, Salisbury Road, only.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:
The market remains quiet.

Buyers
Hongkong Bank \$1,350
Peuglaes \$10 1/4
H.K. & K. Wharves \$11 1/2
H.K. Docks (Old) \$18 1/4
H.K. Docks (New) \$17 1/4
Providents (Old) \$3 1/2
H. & S. Hotels \$0 3/4
H.K. Realities \$5
H.K. Tramways \$17
Watsons \$7 45
Yammat Perles (Old) \$2 1/4
Sandakan Light \$10 1/4
Dairy Farms \$24 1/2
Lane, Crawford & Co. \$4
Constructions \$1 1/4

Sellers
Hongkong Bank \$1,370
China Underwriters \$0 70
Humphreys \$9
Yammat Perles (Old) \$2 1/4
Sandakan Light \$10 1/4
Dairy Farms \$24 1/2
Lane, Crawford & Co. \$4
Constructions \$1 1/4

Balance
Hongkong Bank \$1,350/40
H.K. Docks (Old) \$18 1/4
Providents (Old) \$3 1/2
H. & S. Hotels \$0 3/4
H.K. Realities \$5
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SELLING
T.T. London \$1s. 2 1/2
Demand \$1s. 2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai \$172 Norm.
T.T. Singapore \$53 1/2
T.T. Japan \$100 1/4
T.T. India \$63
T.T. U.S.A. \$127 1/4
T.T. Manila \$58
T.T. Batavia \$53 1/2
T.T. Bangkok \$140 1/2
T.T. Saigon \$109
T.T. France \$10 1/2
T.T. Germany \$72
T.T. Switzerland \$127 1/4
T.T. Australia \$10 1/2

BUYING
4 m/s L/c London \$1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/p do. \$1/8 1/2
4 m/s U.S.A. \$20 1/4
30 d/s India \$11 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in Lon. \$4.06 1/2

COMMONS ATTACK ON DRUG POSITION IN FAR EAST

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aimed at the systematic demoralisation of the Chinese people.

He thought that the diagnosis which most correctly fitted this extremely grave position was somewhat as follows: reports we receive from North China seem to confirm the statements made at the meeting of the Opium Advisory Committee last June.

In North China, before the Japanese occupation in 1937, an attempt was being made by the Chinese Central Government to enforce drastic opium and narcotic laws which they promulgated in 1935.

There are indications that they were, to some extent, being successful.

Since the Japanese occupation of this region, these deterrents to a large extent have disappeared. It is as these deterrents disappear that the position seems to get worse.

Mr. Butler proceeded to say that in February over 30 Chinese Government ordinances were issued by the Peiping Provisional Government, and in May it was announced that the Peiping tax administration had decided to allow the opening of 300 opium dens.

The Provisional Government had issued certain ordinances for the control of the traffic, the effect of which it was not yet possible to estimate.

POSITION IN PEIPING

He was bound to give the House the information he possessed, and it appeared to His Majesty's Government, that since the formal repeal of the Chinese Government's ordinances, opium pipes and smoking accessories began to be offered openly for sale on stalls and in the markets at Peiping.

Innumerable drug stores were opened, until at the present, there was scarcely a single store where drugs could not be bought openly and indulged in.

Viscount Halifax had no definite information beyond the published budget figures of 1938 regarding Manchuria, but a report on the drug situation had been culled from the British representative there.

The conditions in Central China did not appear to be so serious. The Nanjing Provisional Government had recently promulgated ordinances aimed at controlling the traffic, but he was not able to give definite information as regards their likely results.

Mr. Butler said that, taken together with the information he gave about the growth of heroin, it would seem there had been distinct increases in these various parts of the Far East. The Government's view was that there had been an increase in the traffic.

JAPANESE ATTITUDE

Viscount Halifax had no information on the attitude of the Japanese military authorities to the trade in heroin, which appeared chiefly to emanate from Tientsin, and was often carried on by Korean camps.

The Government intended to continue a close examination of the matter in company with other governments, as that was preferable to individual action.

The matter was then dropped —
Reuter.

I. R. A. Leaders In Belfast Round-Up

Belfast, Dec. 22.
It is officially stated that in an all-night round-up, the authorities arrested 34 leaders and members of the Irish Republican Army on charges of plotting violence, and allegedly planning to attack prominent citizens and property during "the Christmas and New Year periods". —
United Press.

Empire Air Mail Disorganised

London, Dec. 22.
Imperial Airways announce the severe weather in Western Europe and the frozen intermediate ports of call in Central France have necessitated an interruption of air services, and therefore there will be some delay in mails to and from the Empire. —
Reuter Special.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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Bringing Cargo from Marseilles via Saigon, etc., arrived Hongkong on Friday, 23rd December, 1938.

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Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

E. OHL,
Agent.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1938.

Assistance For St. Helena Rehabilitation Of Island Proposals

London, Dec. 22.
Measures of rehabilitation for St. Helena were mentioned by the Colonial Secretary at Commons question time. Mr. Malcolm MacDonald said that he had received a despatch from the Governor outlining the proposals, and the depressed condition of industry in the island were receiving his own constant attention. He had recently approved on the recommendation of the governor a subsidy to enable the flax mills to re-open to cover loans to small property owners for house repairs and to aid the rise in wages of government employees.

A Superintendent of Education has been appointed. Mr. MacDonald has also announced that the Union Castle Line were arranging for their ships to call at St. Helena during the day-time so that tourists could land and visit places of interest thus swelling tourist traffic. —
British Wireless.

JAPANESE TERMS FOR ENDING WAR

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rights in China, provided China entered into accord with Japan.

The belief is expressed that the United States will oppose this proposal as strongly as they did Japan's larger policy of "Asia for Asiatics," and it is said that the United States would regard the plan as part of a Japanese attempt to obtain exclusive and complete control of China instead of liberating the Chinese from admittedly single-deal restrictions.

Some observers contended it was paradoxical for Japan to propose to free China from small foreign concessions while proposing that she herself station soldiers throughout China to obtain special new economic advantages from China.

The United States programme to free China from extraterritorial restrictions was incorporated in the Nine-Power treaty, in which the Powers agree to keep their hands off in China, enabling her to become internally strong enough to obviate the necessity for extraterritoriality.

It is contended here that Japan, by military occupation of China, interfered with China's progress and violated her treaty.

Some observers linked the Premier's statement with Japan's reported indignation at the recent United States loan to China, and speculated that the Prime Minister aimed, indirectly, to submit retaliatory measures which Japan could take if Great Britain and the United States executed the loans to China.

They doubted however, that price Konoye's statement would alter the attitude at London or Washington because Japan is already regarded as having curtailed occidental commercial activities to such an extent that further curtailment will cause no anxiety. —
United Press.

Premier Going To Chequers

London, Dec. 22.
The Prime Minister is leaving London to-morrow for Chequers where he will spend Christmas with his family.

He will remain there until after the New Year when he goes north to stay with friends before breaking his holiday on January 10 to visit Rome with the Foreign Secretary at the invitation of Signor Mussolini. —
British Wireless.

Iraq Exiles Five Opposition Chiefs

Baghdad, Dec. 22.
The Iraq Government to-day exiled five persons, including one former Prime Minister, to the interior of the country.

A number of opposition leaders were exiled to the same place several days ago.

The Government has thus taken up the fight against the opposition, which chiefly consists of former parties hostile to the present Government. —
Trans-Ocean.

Former Husband Of Torch Singer Gaoled

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.
Colonel Martin Snyder, former husband of the film player, Ruth Etting, has been convicted of attempting to murder Myrl Alderman, the film star's present husband.

Sentence up to 20 years imprisonment can be imposed.

Snyder was found not guilty on other charges, including an attempt to murder both Ruth Etting and their daughter, Edith Snyder. —
Reuter.

WANG CHING-WEI IN CHUNGKING

Mr. T. V. Soong, the prominent Chinese statesman who has been residing in the Colony, stated last night that the press report on Mr. Wang Ching-wei's arrival in Hanol from Chungking by plane on Monday was groundless.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Vice-President of the Kuomintang and concurrently Chairman of the Central Political Council, was seen in Chungking on Wednesday, it is learned, from good authority, planning to hold a memorial service for the late General Chiang Kai-shek.

PLEDGE BY KOREANS TO GOVERNMENT

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and national reconstruction, will be accomplished. This belief is not only held by the 450,000 Chinese people but also by the 30,000,000 Koreans.

LIVE LIKE ANIMALS

"It has been 20 years now since Korea was conquered by Japan. During these 20 years, under the principle of interior extension, 30,000,000 Koreans have been forced to live like animals.

"The sufferings and oppressions we Koreans have been receiving are beyond imagination.

"Those who cannot endure any longer the Japanese oppression have moved to the Chinese Three Eastern Provinces, to share the destiny of the Chinese brethren there.

"Since the beginning of the present war, the Japanese military had had a severe lesson. Comrades of the Korean People's Party have, at this time, to reverse the grievances of these 20 years, and to fight for justice, peace, and the mother country. Only the lack of strength has made large-scale rebellion impossible. But anti-Japanese activities have never ceased for a single day.

"From now on, Korea are historically related. Both nations have been subjected to Japanese aggression in the past scores of years. Korea has unfortunately been conquered, but her spirit of resistance is in no way different from that of China. The Koreans believe that when China wins in her war of resistance, all the weak and small nations will be benefited, emancipated, and can return to a state of freedom and equality.

"Generalissimo Chiang recently issued a message to the Chinese people, expounding with great determination the true meaning of prolonged resistance. He asked that the people must face the present situation with greater fortitude, greater courage, greater capacity for sufferings and hardships, in order to contribute to the consolidation of national resistance and bring about the ultimate victory. This message has not only pointed the right way in enemy-resistance and national reconstruction, but also been a lesson to Koreans in their bitter struggle for their national independence.

"From now on, it is necessary that Chinese and Korean comrades be prepared to face the crisis with greater fortitude and patience, and with united mind and action, to fight for the final victory. Members of the Korean People's Party will follow the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang, to co-operate with Chinese for the purpose of defeating Japan, restoring the Korean nation, for justice and for peace." —
Central News.

U.S. SHARPLY REJECTS STRONG NAZI PROTEST

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States rarely uses in diplomatic discussions with a friendly Government. The exchanges have brought an extremely sharp and new strain on German-American relations.

Mr. Welles told Dr. Thomsen that Germany's request came with singular ill-grace and inappropriately from a Government which so persistently permitted its controlled press and officials to attack American leaders, including President Wilson and President Roosevelt, and present members of the Cabinet.

He advised Dr. Thomsen that Mr. Ickes' remarks represented the feeling of an overwhelming majority of the American people, and said that the recent policy of Germany had shocked and confounded public opinion in the United States more profoundly than anything that had occurred in many decades.

He warned Dr. Thomsen that expressions of public indignation such as that voiced by Mr. Ickes were inevitable, and that Mr. Ickes' criticism of Mr. Henry Ford and Colonel Lindbergh was merely a question in which Germany could have no concern whatever, and which he could not discuss.

As long as German attacks on American officials continued, the German Government had no right to suppose attacks of the same character would not continue. —
Reuter.

FAREWELL LETTER BY FINANCIER

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deals, and declared: "I have not tried to ruin the company or the stockholders. Instead, I am a ruined man through the treachery of legal intrigue. Nobody has worked harder and received less pay to make something out of work for the interests of all."

The acting United States attorney, Mr. Noonan said that the Federal authorities had evidence that at least eight people, who knew Coster in the early days as an ex-convict, had profited financially from that knowledge. —
Reuter.

Air Mail Service Across Atlantic

Washington, Dec. 22.

The United States civil aeronautics authority stated to-day that it was engaged with discussions with the State Department and other Government agencies for "looking toward the early establishment of the trans-Atlantic air services."

It added that lawyers for Imperial Airways had filed an application with the authority for a permit to inaugurate a trans-Atlantic service.

The application was referred to the Company's London officials for execution, and cannot receive final consideration until this, and other technical requirements had been fulfilled. —
Reuter.

NOTICE

For the convenience of Christmas Shoppers, business hours of the undermentioned Stores will be as follows:—

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Japan and Shanghai	Always Plane	December 24.
Japan	Marchal Joffre	December 24.
Yunnan	Tusima Maru	December 24.
Haliphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Yunnan	December 24.
Straits	Bhutan	December 25.
Manila	Phemius	December 25.
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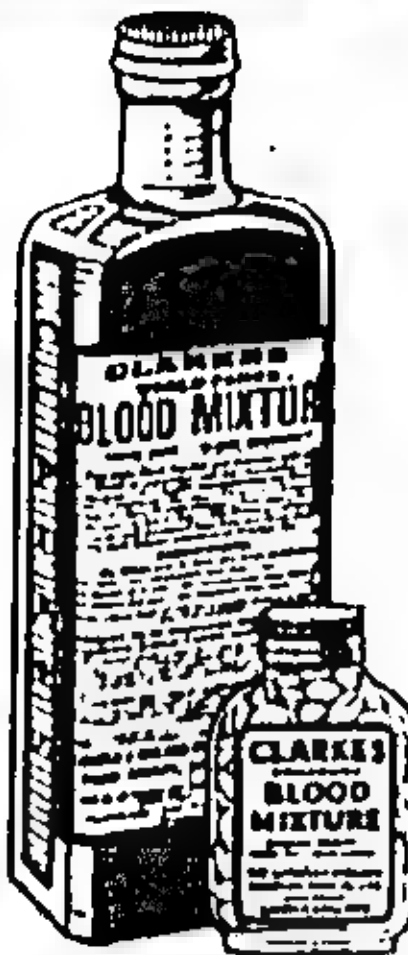
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Parcels only for Rangoon	Hong Kheng	Fri., Dec. 23, 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Sagres	Fri., Dec. 23, 3 p.m.
Manila and Naples—due Naples, Conte-Biancamano	Conte-Biancamano	Fri., Dec. 23, 4.30 p.m.
14th January 1939.	Blancman Maru	Fri., Dec. 23, 4.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and Corfu	G.P.O. and K.F.O.	Fri., Dec. 23.
South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malia and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th January, 1939.	Parcels	Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
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	Ord.	Dec. 24, 10.30 a.m.

Saturday		
Manila, Australian and New Zealand Atuta	Maru	Sat., Dec. 24
via Thursday Island—due Thursday	K.P.O. and G.P.O.	
Island, 5th January, 1939.	Reg.	Dec. 24, 9.15 a.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 24, 10 a.m.
Air Mail for "K. L. M. Airways Corfu		Sat., Dec. 24
Direct Service"—due Amsterdam,	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
3rd January, 1939.	Reg.	Dec. 24, 9.30 a.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 24, 10 a.m.
Air Mail for "Air France Service" Marchal	Joffre	Sat., Dec. 24
—due Marseilles, 8th January,	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	
1939.	Reg.	Dec. 24, 1.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 24, 2 p.m.
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TRICK ALLEGED

Defendant States Story Complete Fabrication

Charged with obtaining \$19,000 from a widow by a confidence trick, Li Hei-ting, master of the Yu Hai Leung Import and Export Firm, Connaught Road Central, appeared at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, who returned from furlough on Wednesday, was welcomed back by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada Jnr., who was instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva for the prosecution, Mr. D. J. N. Anderson was instructed by Mr. G. S. Hughes for the defence.

Complainant in the case was Chiu Li-tze, widow, of No. 16, Village Road, and the alleged trickery took place in December.

The following Jury was empanelled: Messrs. G. A. Lawrence (Foreman), S. K. Heiberg, F. M. Garcia, E. A. Noronha, D. L. Bullantyne, Lim Kim-chong and A. Chung-yue. An objection to the Chinese members of the Jury by defendant was disallowed by Sir Atholl. The reason given was that they may have been known to the complainant.

In his opening, Mr. D'Almada said complainant's husband had died ten years ago and left her \$100,000. About December last year she obtained a loan on certain shares to make up the sum of \$20,000 for a Canton firm in which she was interested. This was eventually not required, and she found a sum of money on hand with nothing to do with it. She then instructed a man named Choy Ling-shui, whom she had known for several years, to inform her if there was any property for sale, as she wanted to invest the money.

This broker later introduced her to Li Hei-ting, who was alleged to be the owner of No. 1 Morrison Hill Road. A certain amount of bargaining for the property took place, the price finally being brought down from \$25,000 to \$19,000.

Complainant agreed to buy the place after inspecting it, and was told to go up to 93 Connaught Road Central with the money to complete the sale. Complainant took the money along accompanied by her daughter-in-law. She met defendant at Connaught Road Central, and was asked if she had brought the money. She replied that it was in her purse.

Taken to Bank

Li then told her that it would be safer for him to take charge of the money, as she would have to give

it to him sooner or later. On leaving the premises, the party went to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, as Li told her the deeds were in his safe deposit box.

On arriving at the Bank, complainant and her daughter-in-law were told to wait outside. After about 20 minutes, defendant failed to return, and complainant returned to the shop in Connaught Road Central.

On seeing Li two weeks later, she was told to wait for the money, and that if she went to the Police she would not get it back. She had visited Li's office many times later, but when she could not locate the broker Choy, a report was made to the Police, and Li was arrested on November 18.

Chiu Li-tze, in evidence, said that she had not taken action earlier because she had trusted the broker Choy, and she had hoped to get the money back from Li later.

Mr. Anderson then said that the only sum of money owing to her was \$900, a gambling debt which was lost by Li to her at a fan-tan game at his house. This was denied by Chiu, who said she never gambled.

It was further suggested that she had lost \$3,000 by gambling, and that she had pressed Li for the \$900 throughout 1938. This was also denied by witness who said she had never gambled with Li.

Other evidence was called, and then defendant testified. He said he met complainant last year through a person named Li Sze-ko. Chiu had played mahjong with his concubine, and often the game was changed to fan-tan.

Li said he had never told Chiu that he was the owner of No. 1 Morrison Hill Road, and there was not a bit of truth in the accusation that he had taken \$19,000 of her money. The whole case was a complete fabrication, and the reason was because Chiu had been living extravagantly and had lost a lot of money in gambling. The case was being brought to account for the loss of her money to her family.

Hearing was adjourned until this morning.

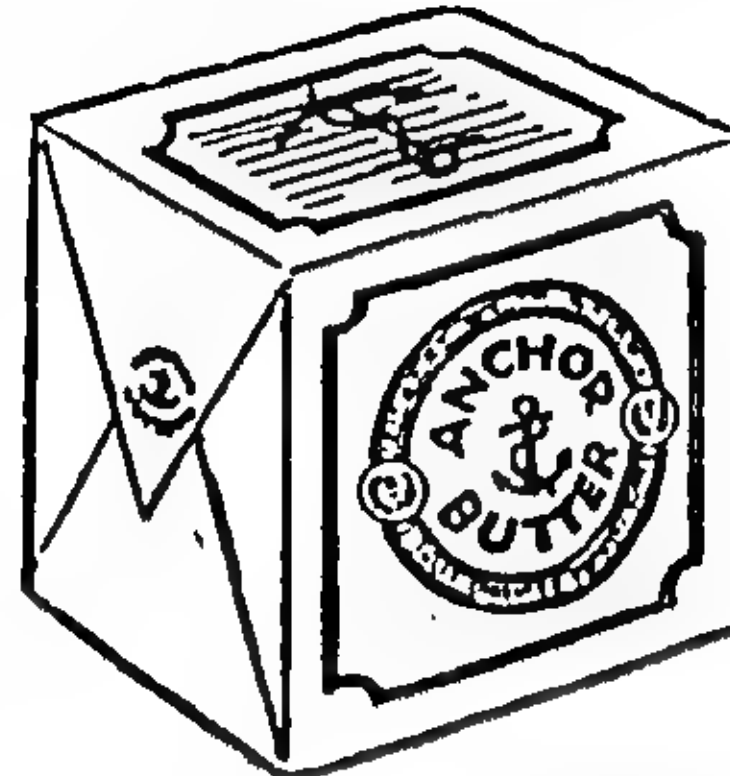
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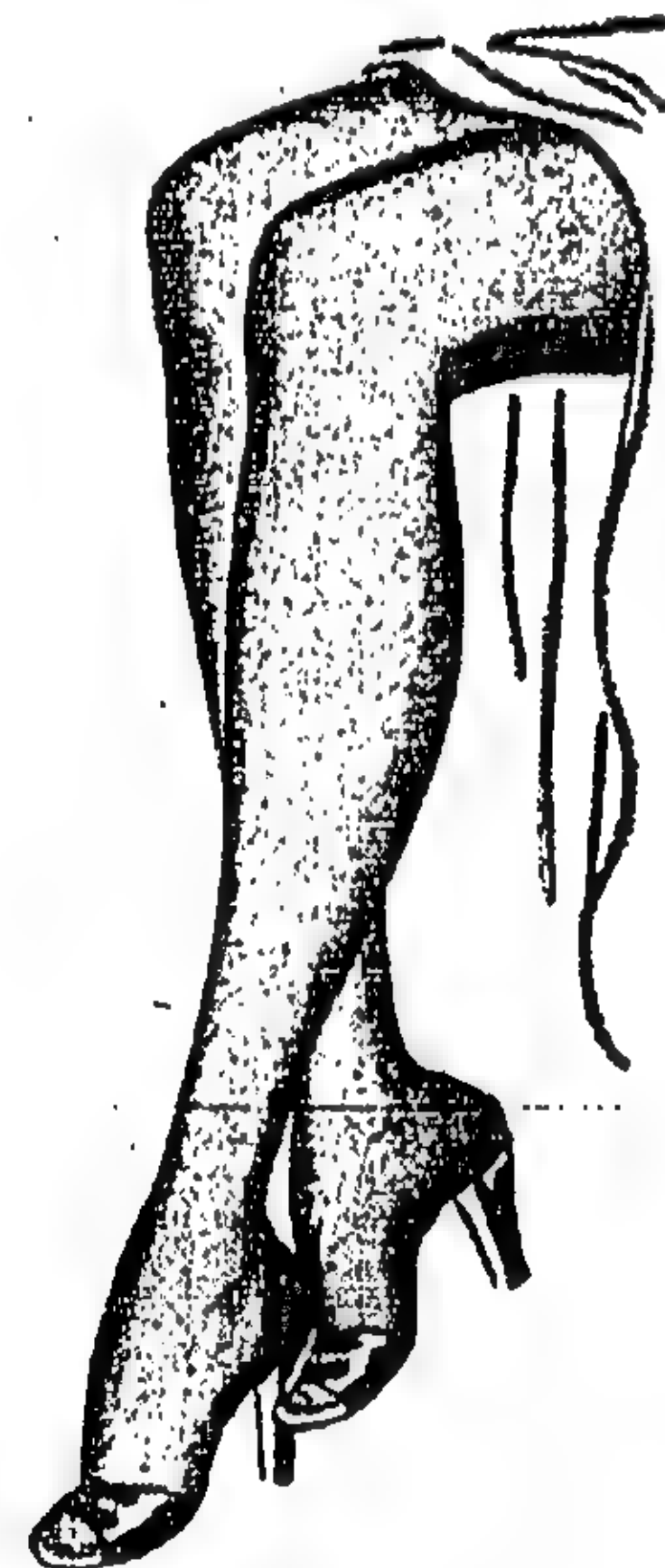
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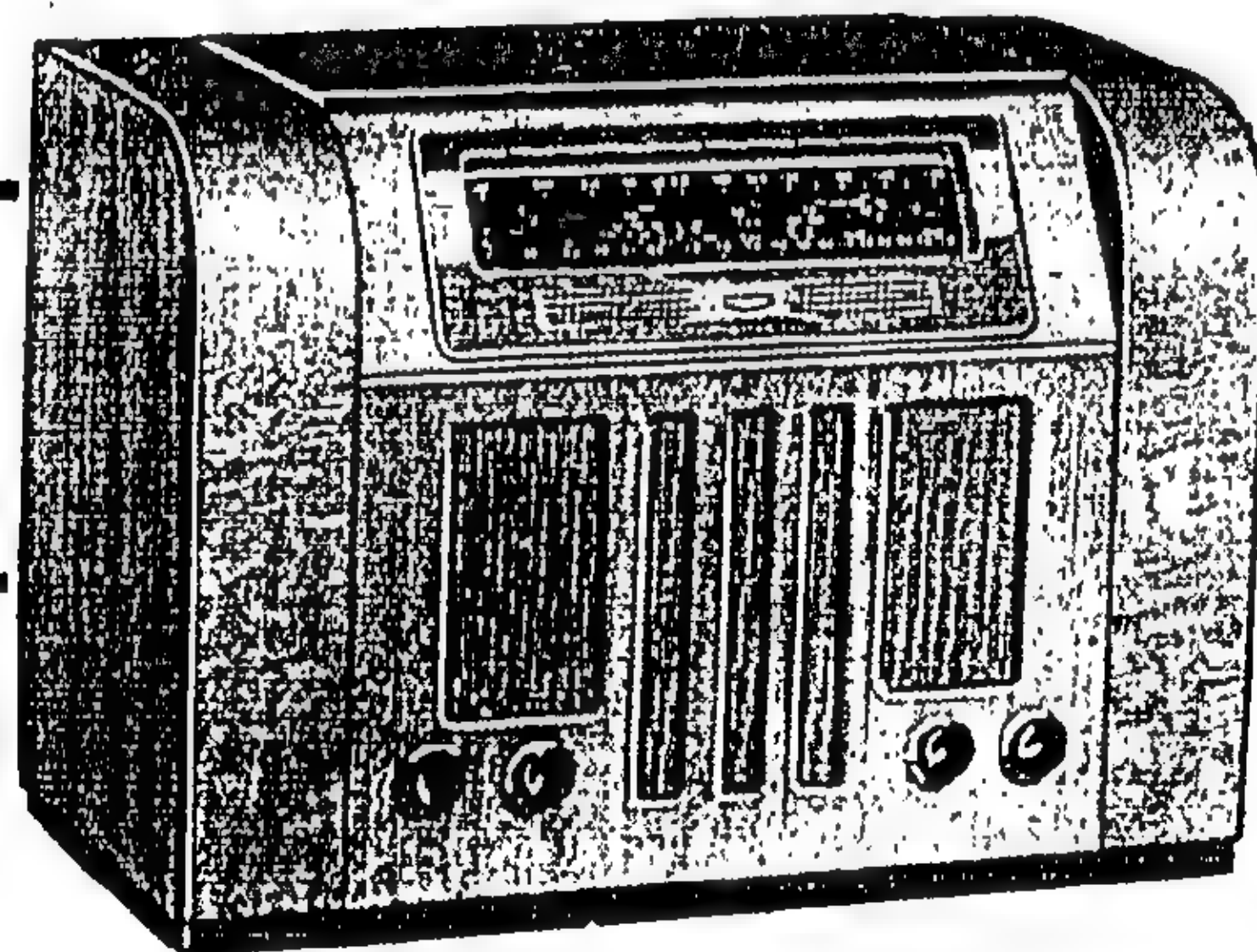
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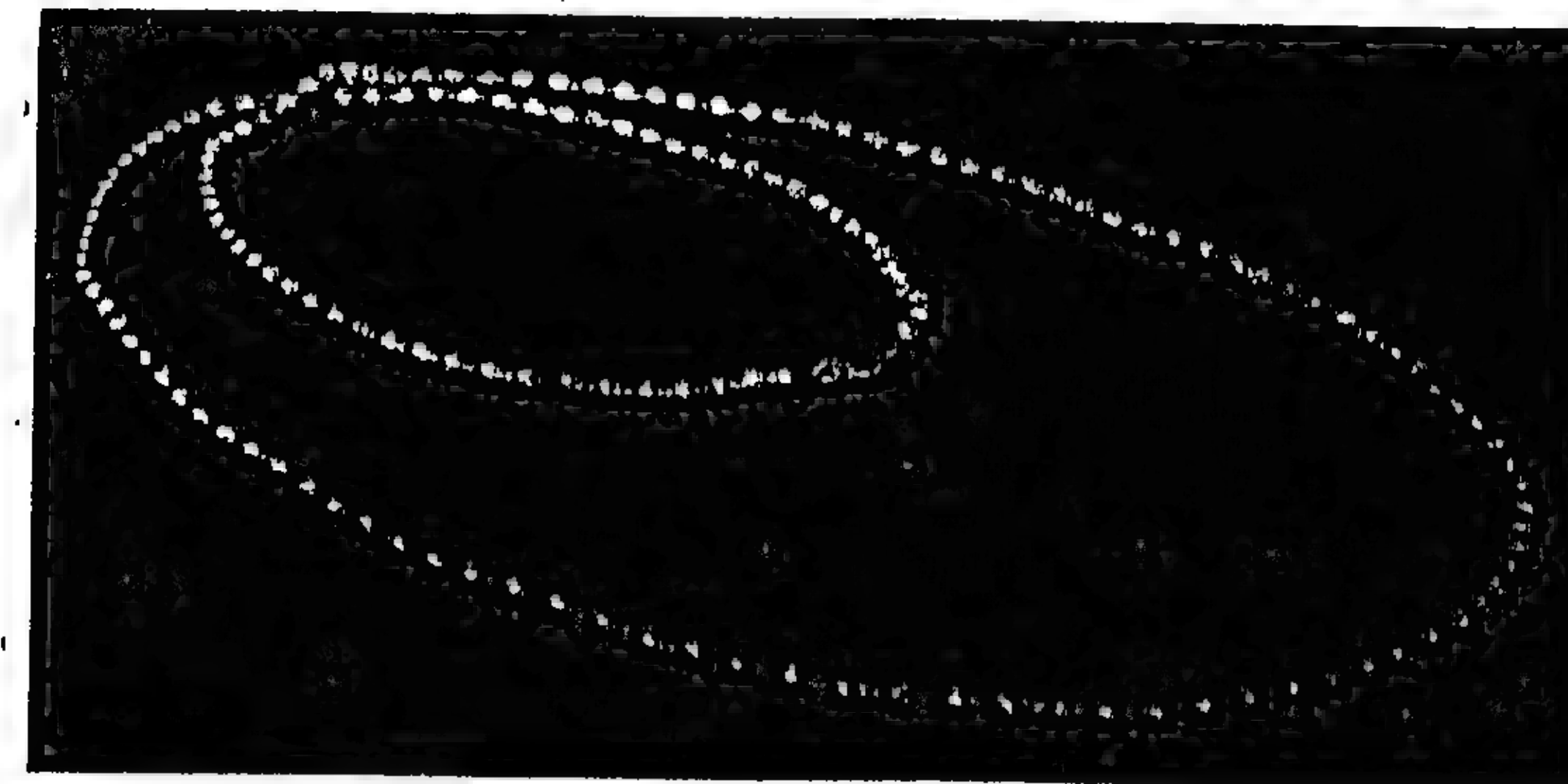
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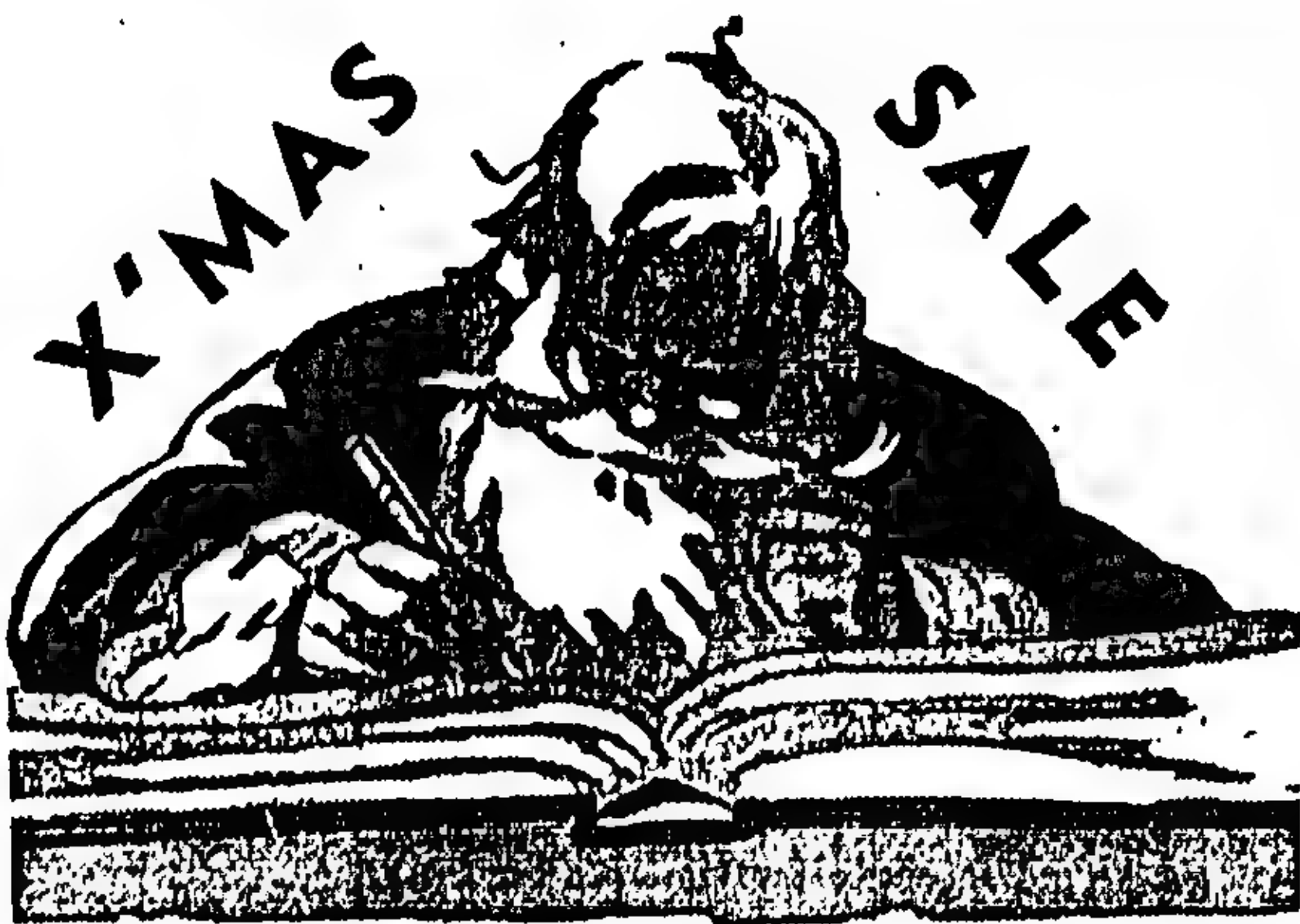
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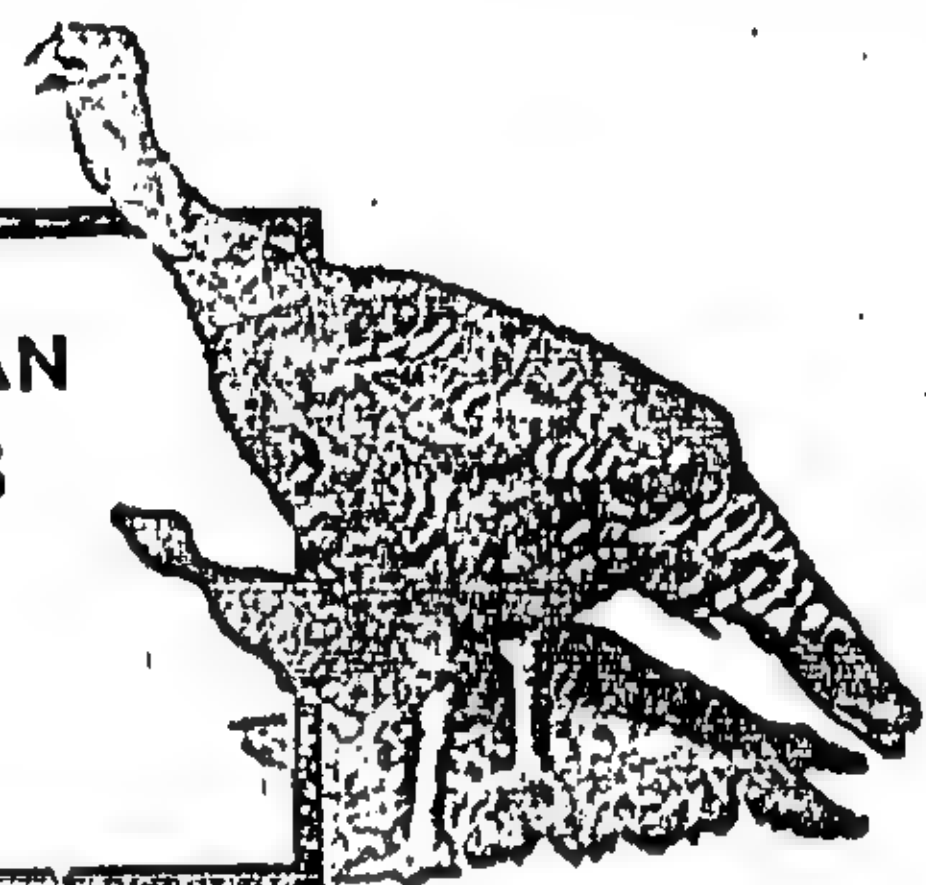


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The run is held by the R.A.C. to celebrate the anniversary of "emancipation day," 1896, when the two m.p.h. limit and the man with the red flag were abolished.

The collection provided an unequalled historical record of motoring's early days.

TREE GREW IN IT

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In spite of the dull weather, a large crowd watched the start in Hyde Park and cheered the cars as they left the starting-post, without one failure.

Hundreds of modern cars lined the roadway, bright and luxurious compared with the early pioneers, over many of which were umbrellas to shelter their drivers from the rain.

Captain G. E. T. Eyston drove a 1903 Mercedes, and received a special cheer as he left the starting line.

Kaye Don was at the wheel of a De Dion Bouton of the same year.

In pouring rain another large crowd greeted the arrivals at Brighton and watched them parade along the front.

SPEED LIMIT

Gold medals were presented by the Mayor of Brighton (Councillor J. Nanson) to the 93 successful drivers.

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Auto "Victim" Disappears

Louisville, Ky. Miss Peggy Jennings reported to police that she struck a woman with her automobile but could not find the "victim" when she stopped a few feet away. She said a man who witnessed the accident told her to drive on—that the woman was a friend of his who didn't want any publicity.



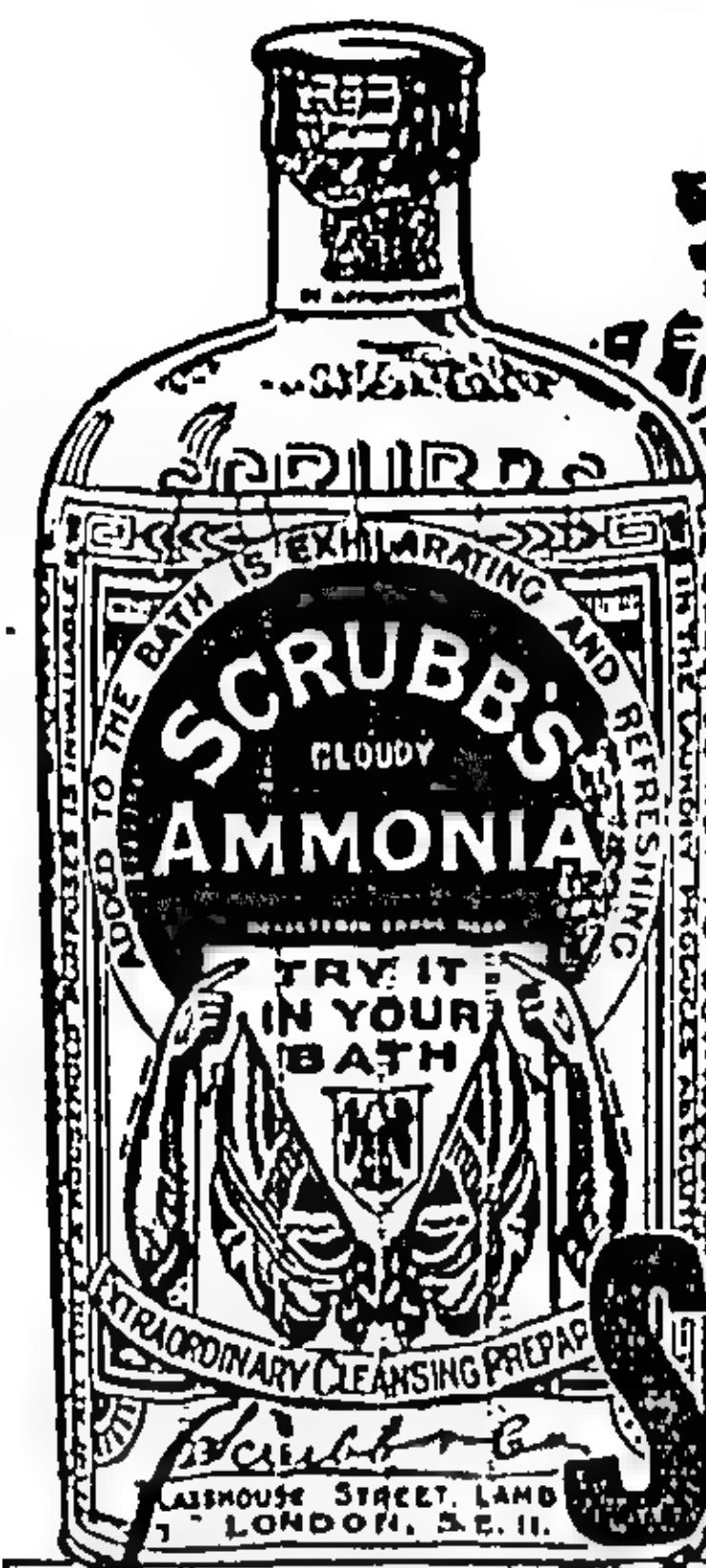
Mr. Sommerfelt and Mrs. Pearce have a talk after the second racing event on Saturday.—Pictorial News.

Visas For New York World's Fair

New York.

Foreign visitors to the New York World's Fair 1939 must obtain a non-immigration visa, good for six months. This period can be extended upon official approval. Federal authorities and immigration officials will make a close check-up to be sure all the 500,000 foreign visitors expected at the Fair return to their native lands at expiration of their visas.

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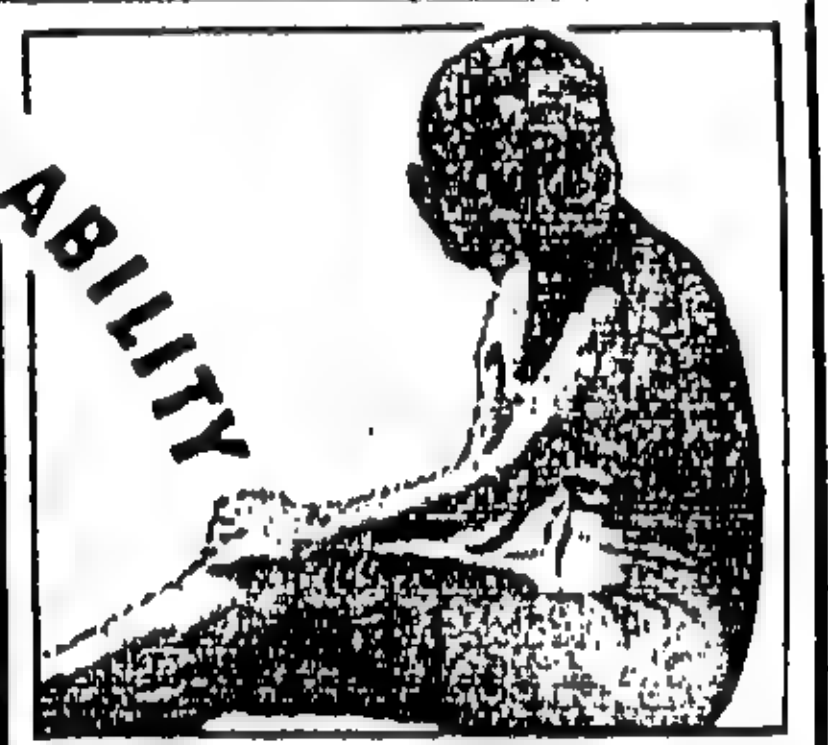
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stance—the Mother, the Child,
the manger, the cattle, the
shepherds, the Magi and the gifts
—these in their course down the
ages have gathered round them
an aura of tenderness and senti-
ment, with their own benignant
ritual and song.

Christmas stockings, bells
and carols, roast goose and
turkey, little fir-trees, mistletoe
and holly—all these and much
else Christmas has gathered to
itself.

The season in which it has
fallen adds to its strength by
contrast; the festival shines out
like the cheerful windows of an
inn midway along the dark road
of the winter, where there is
warmth and company and re-
freshment. The sober reality
may be a Hongkong heat-wave,
but in the ideal Christmas of
our childhood the ponds are all
ringing with strong black ice,
there are four inches of snow
upon the ground, powdery and
fine, with the fields buried deep
below the dazzling mantle.

The fireside is a seasonable
pleasure which our ancestors set
at its true value and which our
more travelled generation is apt
to misprize. Especially, is it a
pleasure and a benefit when it
unites the family group round
its most ancient altar, the
hearth, at the festival dedicated
time out of mind to the child,
the mother and the family.

Thus Christmas gives to man-
kind these beautiful homilies of
kindliness, hospitality and the
giving of gifts, of charity, of
friendship, and of family love.

Life would be a sadder pil-
grimage without it, and after
the trials which have afflicted
our Homeland these last few
months, and the tribulations
through which our great and
friendly neighbour is passing,
we hope it will bring a rich mea-
sure of blessing and consolation.

CARLYLE! thou shouldst
be living at this hour:
Christmas hath need of
thee! For the old dyspeptic
being our first authority on
clothes, would probably in-
struct us wisely in the mat-
ter of Christmas presents.

Mention of the old gentle-
man, and the hidden reference
to two of England's major poets,
set me wondering what pre-
sents at Christmas, or the pagan
New Year, one would have
wished on say a dozen of the
earth's greatest. Here are a
few of my fancies:—

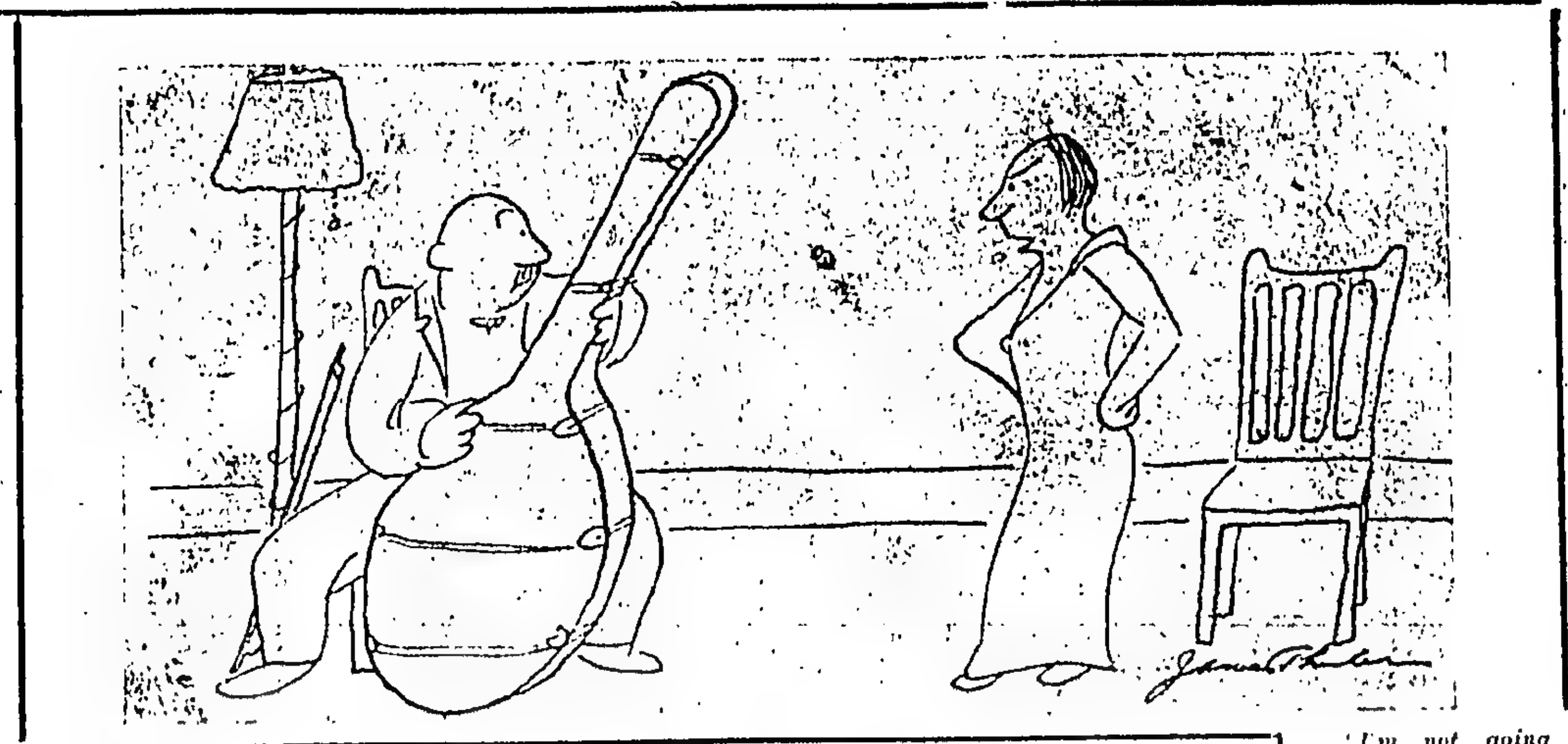
1. Carlyle—A new digestion.
2. Milton—Restored eye-
sight.
3. Wordsworth—Daffodils.
4. Alexander—A new world
to conquer.
5. Cleopatra—Pearls and
some vinegar.
6. Mr. Pepys—Knowledge of
his future fame.
7. Henry VIII.—Another
wife.
8. Horace Walpole—A fresh
scandal.
9. Marat—A lock for the
bathroom.
10. Napoleon—A change of
warders.
11. Florence Nightingale—A
new lamp.
12. Dickens—Time to finish
"Edwin Drood."

Then what about people living
to-day? Here I suggest:—

1. C. B. Cochran—A wow.
2. Greta Garbo—A passage
home.
3. The ex-Kaiser—A tin
sabre.
4. Mr. (Hore-Belisha—Toy
soldiers.
5. Mr. Thomas Farr—14lbs.
more punch.
6. Mr. Littlewood—A swim-
ming pool.
7. The Japanese—Sanity.
8. Any Spaniard—Ditto.
9. The English Cricket
Team—Cuts.
10. Gracie Fields—Another
"Sally."
11. Strube—Another twenty-
five years.
12. Gordon Richards—A Der-
by winner.

I COME now to the most
important principle in
the matter of Christmas pre-
sents. They must be useless.
Here is a list of useful presents
for which I, personally, should
say "Thank you very much,"
and then immediately dismiss
them from mind:—

1. Radio licence.
2. Bed socks.
3. The Works of Longfellow.
4. Gramophone record of the
Quins.
5. Garden roller.
6. Loofah.
7. Bulbs for window-boxes.
8. Skid-chains for motor-
car.
9. Horso-muzzle.
10. Beetle-powder.
11. Asparagus tongs.
12. Goloshes.



"I'm not going to
put up with one of
those things, so you
might as well not
unwrap it."

James Agate likes to get USELESS Christmas presents

What I do want and am
yearning to possess is:—

1. Pair of budgerigars.
2. Blackpool Tower in cork.
3. Smoking-suit in purple
corduroy with tangerine
lapels.
4. Tie-press in mother-of-
pearl.
5. Tortoiseshell walking-stick
and celluloid buttonhole
for evening dress.
6. Pagoda for poodle.
7. Poodle for pagoda.
8. Silhouette of Marlène
Dietrich in seaweed.
9. Portrait of Abraham
Lincoln in wool.
10. Hookah.
11. Howdah for white ele-
phant.
12. Model of National
Theatre.

BUT the people really
to be considered are
the kids. Here the rule is that
they must be given things
which fire the imagination. The
bitterest moment of my boy-
hood was when a hard-won
First Prize for Proficiency in
Science turned out to be Dar-
win's "Formation of Vegetable
Mould through the Action of
Worms."

But let me begin with the
lots. Never, never, NEVER

give children children's books.

Dr. Johnson knew about this, as
we see from Mrs. Piozzi's
"Anecdotes":—
"Babies do not want to hear
about babies; they like to be
told of giants and castles, and
of somewhat which can stretch
and stimulate their little
minds." When in answer I
would urge the numerous edi-
tions and quick sale of Tommy
Prudent or Goody Two Shoes:
"Remember always (said he)
that the parents buy the books,
and that the children never read
them."

THE same thing applies
to plays for children.
When I was a child the kind of
pantomime I liked was the
grown-up sort. I doted on one
in which the Principal Boy, at-
tired in tights and top-hat,
slapped her thigh and sang a
rousing ditty of which the bur-
den was:—

For I'm a man of the world,
A man of the world am I!
I cherish an undying admira-
tion for the late Macdonald
Hastings. For many reasons,
though one golden sentence
must suffice. This occurs in his
"Memoirs of a Child." Mac
tots. Never, never, NEVER

Herm, where he used to spend
the summer holidays with ten
brothers and sisters. Herm
was of all islands the most
glorious, the most glorious
of all being Jethou, "which
we all thought must be
much better than Herm because
there were only two houses on
it." Now comes my golden
sentence: "The next year we
went to Cromer or some stink-
ing hole!"

Woe to the parent whose off-
spring should write in later
years: "We all wanted to go to
'Cinderella.' But father in-
sisted on taking us to 'The Glass
Slipper' or some stinking fan-
tasy!"

But to return to our books.
Here the matter is largely one
of age. Boys up to the age of
twelve should be given what-
ever is the modern equivalent
of the school stories of Talbot
Baines Reed and the adventure
yarns of G. A. Henty.

From twelve to fifteen
the masterpieces which they
will read now or never—such
masterpieces as "Robinson Cru-
soe," "Westward Ho!" "Tom
Brown's School-days," "Master-
man Ready," "The Last of the
Mohicans," "King Solomon's
Mines," "Treasure Island," and
anything by Jules Verne.
From fifteen to eighteen the
Heart of Midlothian, "David
Copperfield," "Vanity Fair,"
"The Cloister and the Hearth,"
"Adam Bede," "Barchester
Towers," "Many Inventions,"
"Kipps," and "The Old Wives
Tale."

From eighteen to twenty-one
I recommend "Tom Jones,"
"The Vicar of Wakefield," "La-
vengro," "The Ordeal of Rich-
ard Feverel," "The Mayor of
Casterbridge," "Almayer's
Folly," and I venture to suggest
one Gissing and one Henry
James.

And, of course, any age from
fifteen onwards is right for
Boswell's "Johnson" and the
Diary of Samuel Pepys.

About girls, I suggest the
same curriculum, with the ex-
ception of "Tom Jones," which
they will not understand, and
"Many Inventions," which they
will dislike.

IN the matter of toys I
am inclined to think
that boys should have some-
thing corresponding to modern
invention, which means air-
planes, motor-cars and speed-
boats. I am not in favour of
trains, because father will play
with them and the child never
get a look-in.

As a thorough fogey and
were I the father of two child-
ren, I should give them a chess-
board of nobly-smelling leather
and a set of weighted chess-men
of the dignity which suits the
game.

In my view, nothing is better
for an afternoon at this season
than a roaring fire, an old-
fashioned sheepskin hearthrug,
black for choice, a supply of
oranges, and a set of chess men.
You play the game on your
stomach, and instead of chang-
ing over the pieces at the end
of the game, change places on
the hearthrug and so get the
other side scorched!

Little girls still, I suppose,
like dolls. In my day demure
maidens of six required a wax
effigy which opened two china-
blue eyes and said "Mamma!"
Now I shall reluctantly concede
that they prefer a bedizened
(Continued on Page 5.)

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Nope, I didn't sell it—just got married!"

Navy's Need For Western Base

Value Of Pembroke Dock

THE partial reopening of Rosyth Dockyard, announced recently, is an example of how the urgent requirements of national defence are overriding considerations of economy.

To cope with the vast programme of warship repair and reconstruction work now in hand the resources of Rosyth are to be made available. In wide circles of the Navy the re-establishment of Pembroke dockyard is held to be even more necessary.

Although Pembroke may be, as the Admiralty has stated, surplus to peace-time requirements, it would immediately become of vital importance in the event of war. This is because it is the nearest British base to the western approaches of the Atlantic.

Approximately half our total sea-borne trade passes through or near this area, for which reason it was a favorite hunting-ground for enemy U-boats in the last war.

"ATLANTIC GRAVEYARD"

Hundreds of merchantmen were sunk in the approaches, which became known as "the Atlantic graveyard," and scores of others damaged by torpedo or mine would have been lost but for the fact that they were

able to reach Queenstown (Cobh). Here they were patched up sufficiently to return under escort to an English port for repairs.

It is because the Southern Irish harbours may not be accessible as refuges and repair stations in a future emergency that an alternative base as near as possible to the Irish coast is considered by naval strategists to be indispensable.

The following are the distances from Queenstown to British ports: Pembroke 136 miles, Falmouth 185, Cardiff-Newport-Bristol 208 to 228.

Plymouth 225, Southampton 342, Liverpool 241, Belfast 207.

As will be seen, Pembroke is 50 miles nearer to the western approaches than any other port, and in the case of a badly damaged ship every mile saved is important.

Further, it is certain that in time of war all the existing western and south-western ports would be overcrowded, as they were in 1914-18. In a new emergency, the congestion would be intensified by the diversion of a great part of the shipping which normally discharges in London and other East Coast ports.

OVERWHELMING CASE

This alone would justify the reconditioning of Pembroke as an overflow port, and when the naval argument is added the case for immediate action becomes, it is considered, overwhelming.

It is urged that Pembroke be provided with facilities for serving the needs of escort vessels and destroyers on convoy or patrol duty in the Atlantic approaches and the Irish Sea. Using Pembroke as their base they would save 100 miles in proceeding to and returning from their stations.

Pembroke, being 300 miles from the East Coast, is comparatively safe from air attack, which could not in any case be delivered without ample warning.

Millard Haven, in which the old yard is situated, is one of the finest harbours in Europe. About 11 miles long, and from one to three miles wide, it covers about 20 square miles. It can be entered at all states of tide and in any conditions of wind.

During the Great War 4,000 men were employed in the dockyard,

First View Of World For 8 Years

For eight years Mr. Fred Walker, artist and designer, has been a patient in Highgate Hospital, keeping hands supple and eye in trim with brush and pencil for the day when he should return to the outside world.

The day is nearly here. Soon after Christmas he is to leave the hospital.

Mr. Walker is prepared to find London very much changed from the day he last saw it.

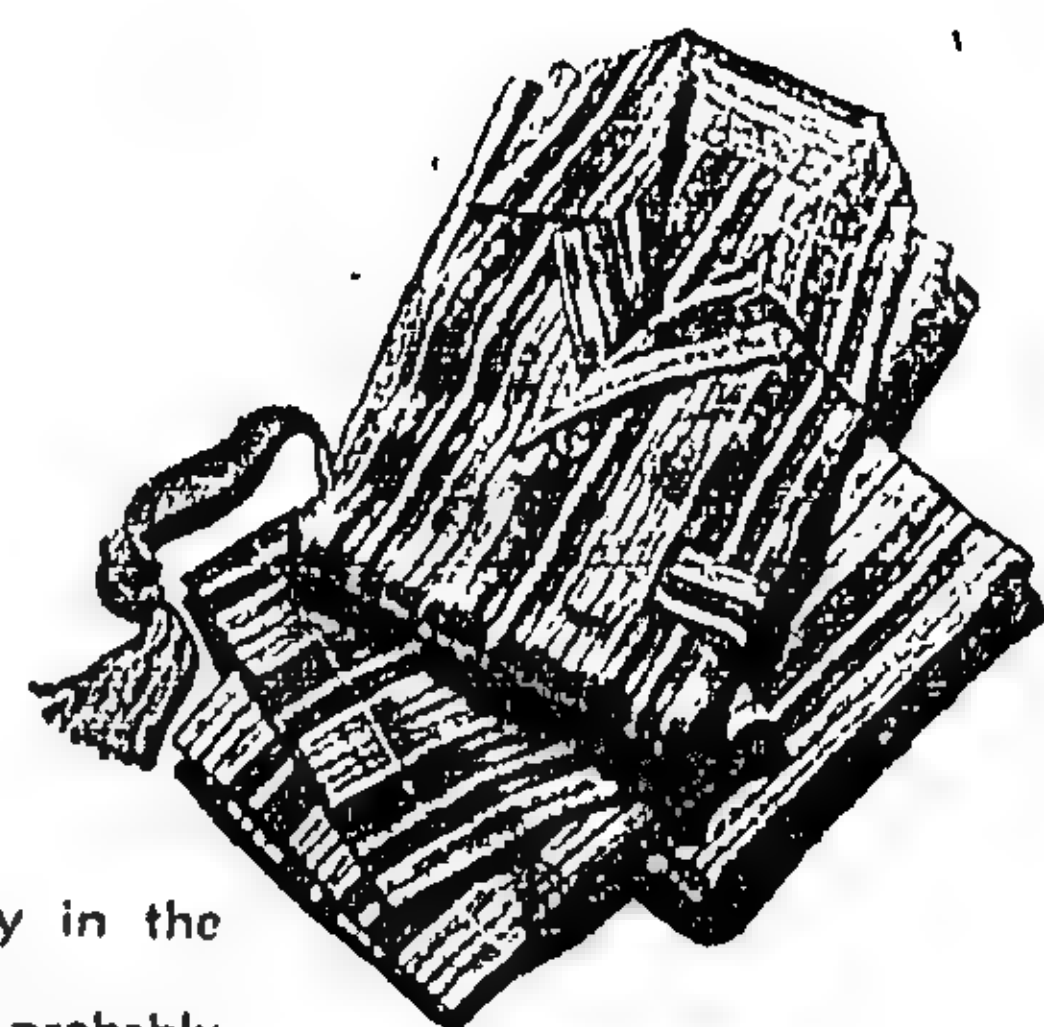
NURSES POSED

"There were no Bellish beauties and very few traffic lights when I was out and about," he said. "All I know of the modern girl's dress and the modern motor-car is what I see in the newspapers."

Mr. Walker has not been short of subjects for his art while in hospital. His fellow-patients and the nurses have been his models.

"The boys make the best subjects, but they just won't sit still," he said.

Ask him what he'd like from Mackintosh's



Ask him early in the morning he'll probably

wish for some new

pyjamas (from \$8.50).

DIAMOND IN ROAD AS NEW WARNING TO DRIVERS

Telling Them There Is a Sign Ahead

THE Earl of Onslow recently suggested that 100 yards in advance of a warning sign to motorists there should be placed on the roadway a green line or diamond sign.

He was giving evidence before the House of Lords committee on the prevention of road accidents.

The suggestion, he said, originated from his experience on the bench when one day ten motorists said that they had not seen a warning notice.

The Earl of Cottenham, originator of the mobile police and the "Coutessy Cops," spoke of the "unhelpful" attitude of the traffic department of the Metropolitan Police.

He said that the scheme had won the approval of a number of chief constables, and from the reports he had received from them the public appreciated the motives of the principle of co-operation.

"ABOLISH THE MINISTRY"

"I would like to advocate publicly that the Ministry of Transport, as such, should be abolished and should become a technical department of the Home Office, under the permanent head," said Lord Cottenham.

Continuity of policy in transport matters was essential, he said, and should not be at the mercy of political changes and goes.

Within the frame work of this proposed department of the Home Office there should be a road traffic committee, a rail traffic committee, and a waterway traffic committee, each with a permanent chairman.

The Traffic Department of the Home Office should be free, as the Ministry of Transport was not free, from the duty of consulting every road-users' association about every proposed scheme.

CRITIC OF HENDON

Lord Cottenham said that when he visited the police driving school at Hendon in 1936 at the invitation of Sir Philip Game, the Commissioner of Police, the whole standard of teaching there seemed to him to be too low.

Solicitor Sent To Gaol At 68

A sixty-eight-year-old solicitor whose troubles, according to his counsel, were mainly due to the fact that he was not able to put money aside for the leaner years, was sent to prison for 20 months at the Old Bailey recently.

He was Arthur Edward Francis, who pleaded guilty to converting £1,280 of clients' money.

Mr. L. A. Byrne, prosecuting, said Francis was admitted a solicitor in 1899, and had practised in Blishopsgate. In 1937 he was adjudged bankrupt with a deficiency of £8,721, of which £3,650 was due to clients.

During his examination he said that since 1928 his practice had declined, and he started borrowing heavily. To retrieve his position in 1934-5 he began to use clients' money.

Mr. Frank Milton, defending, said that for the greater part of his career Francis had conducted his business efficiently and honourably. He had been extraordinarily generous, paying the widow of a partner and a widowed sister £100 a year each.

At the age 60 his clients began to fall away and his position became hopeless. He had not lived extravagantly.

B.B.C. Man Feared Dismissal

A B.B.C. musician and member of the Halle Orchestra, Frederick John Tilsley (44), of Sale, was sentenced at Derby Assizes recently to nine months' imprisonment for perjury.

His father-in-law, William Arthur Hengway, of Rowley, similarly charged, received a like sentence. Mr. T. N. Wanning (prosecuting) said Charles Armistead, a water bailiff, told the Benchwell Bench that he had seen Tilsley fishing from his father-in-law's garden and that subsequently the two men admitted to him the full facts.

Because of this, no corroboration was called before the magistrates, but the two men denied the charge. Tilsley stating that he had never fished in his life.

CASE DISMISSED

The case was dismissed and the Bench must have believed that Armistead made up the story. Three other witnesses had since been secured.

On Tilsley's behalf, Mr. G. Smallwood said he had feared that the B.B.C. would dismiss him after the hearing case.

"The B.B.C. do some rather curious things with their employees," Mr. Smallwood added.

Naval Base "Colour Bar" Denied

INDIAN BRIDE SAYS "IT'S JEALOUSY"

COLOMBO (Ceylon).

MRS. BRINDA GORDON, nineteen-year-old Indian bride of Lieutenant David L. Gordon, of the naval survey ship Stork, recently described as "arrant nonsense" reports that her husband's career is being affected by the colour question.

She said: "The matter has never been raised. I have been received aboard the Stork, and at Trincomalee (the naval base) dances the commander-in-chief has specially picked me out as his partner. Only jealous people can have thought of upsetting us by the colour question."

"My husband and I are extremely happy, and there is no truth in the suggestion that he is leaving the Navy. It is the last thing I should wish for."

Mrs. Gordon is a niece of Lord Sinha, Hindu barrister peer, and daughter of the Hon. Mrs. Dutt, of London. She met Lieutenant Gordon at a bridge party given by his mother, Mrs. F. Jervis Gordon, at her home in Chapel-street, Marylebone, W. They were married in Colombo in May.

Curiosity Costs Cat's Tail

Oakland, Cal.

Tony, an Angora cat whose curiosity complex got its tail into close communion with the wringer of an electrical washing machine, underwent a successful operation for the removal of the damaged caudal appendage. The cat is now in a condition to continue its investigation into the laundry business, without further risk—if not to life and limb, at least to tail.

UNEMPLOYMENT UP BY 47,000

Textile Industries Improve

UNEMPLOYMENT in Great Britain increased by 46,876 between October 17 and November 14, bringing the total to 1,028,103. This was 328,900 more than a year before. The estimated number of insured persons aged 16-64 in employment was 12,258,000 on November 14, a decrease of 30,000 on the month and a decrease of 150,000 on the year.

The decline in employment was noted in—
Building and public works contracting, agriculture and horticulture, conlmining, iron and steel manufacture, hotel and boarding-house and transport services, the distributive trades, and entertainments, sport, &c.

Increased unemployment in coal-mining is unusual in November, and was evidently due to the mildness

of the weather and the falling off of export demand.
The industries which showed improvement last month included—Cotton, wool, and other textile industries, metal goods manufacture, and the motor-vehicle, cycle, and aircraft industry.

The rise in unemployment affected all the Ministry of Labour divisions except the Midlands:

	Inc. or dec. on month
London	+9,775
South-eastern	+8,621
South-western	+3,823
Midlands	-3,092
North-eastern	+4,430
North-western	+4,507
Northern	+1,824
Scotland	+8,980
Wales	+7,999

TOTAL ANALYSED

Included in the total of 1,028,103 were 1,455,600 wholly unemployed, 305,496 temporarily stopped, and 60,939 normally in casual employment. It comprised 1,366,683 men, 51,010 boys, 360,300 women, and 50,104 girls.



'Head' Gave Beer At School

The Rev. Alexander Ross-Wallace, headmaster of a well-known public school, told the Cambridge magistrates recently that he had provided beer at school.

He was giving evidence for Clifford Frederick Victor Martin, aged 19, a Pembroke College undergraduate, who was charged with assaulting Police-Sergeant Ives on the night of November 5. The case was dismissed.

Police-Sergeant Ives said that while on duty near a lamp in Market-hill, round which was a large crowd of undergraduates, he felt a kick. He heard a remark, turned, and saw Martin in the act of kicking at his legs.

INJURED ANKLE

Martin, denying the allegations, said that he had injured his ankle and at the time it was strapped up in plaster. It would have hurt him to kick anyone.

Mr. C. H. Parker, prosecuting, referred to a statement by Martin that he had had "a glass or two of beer," and asked, "Did he drink beer at school?"

Mr. Ross-Wallace: I provided it, sir.

The Bench allowed the name of Martin's school to be written down and it was not divulged.

Rheims Replica Carved

Tacoma, Wash.
Thomas Jacobsen is a cement finisher by trade, but he'd rather do wood carving. In three years he carved from alder, birch and walnut a three and one-half foot high replica of the Rheims cathedral.

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INQUEST ON WOMAN

Death Follows Septic Condition

An inquiry was held at the Central Magistracy yesterday into the death of a woman, Li Sam-foon, 29, at the Tung Wah Hospital on November 26. Mr. R. A. D. Forrest sat as Coroner, assisted by a jury comprising Messrs. F. X. M. da Silva, R. C. Wallace and Fung Kim-sheung.

Inspector C. H. Rozeksky was present for the police. The Coroner told the jury that the inquiry was into the death of a woman who died from septic peritonitis, which had apparently originated from a criminal abortion. The duty of the jury would be to ascertain the cause of death, whether the abortion was of a criminal nature, and whether they should recommend a verdict of manslaughter against any particular person.

Dr. Lo Chong-de, of Tung Wah Hospital, was the first witness. He said a woman named Li Sam-foon, 29, was admitted into a first-class ward in the hospital about 8.35 a.m. on October 25, when she complained of a pain in the abdomen, which she said had started the day before, and was getting worse. The woman also told the doctor that she had given birth to a three-months-old foetus a month previously.

Further questioned, she insisted the pain had only begun the day before. Witness examined her, found her to be suffering from peritonitis, and advised her to undergo an operation if she wished to live. Though unwilling at first, the deceased later gave her consent, and witness performed the operation as the Superintendent, Dr. Yu Chiu-kwong, was not well that day.

Operating under a general anaesthetic, witness found the woman's abdomen to be full of pus, welling up from the abdominal cavity. As the patient was in a weak condition, witness did not explore the abdomen by a great extent. There was also the danger of spreading infection. Witness closed the abdomen.

After the operation, the woman's condition was critical, with a high temperature. This condition remained for a few days. On October 31, witness was given certain information by a nurse, as a result of which he went to see the patient and questioned her regarding the real history of her case.

An Admission

The woman told witness that two weeks prior to her entering hospital, she had visited the Po On drug store, somewhere in Queen's Road West, and was operated upon by two women doctors. She said they had used forceps. She was conscious all the time, and experienced great pain during and after the operation. She never fully recovered, and for two weeks suffered attacks of pain and chills.

As she showed no improvement, deceased told the doctor, she was advised by one of the women to enter the Tung Wah Hospital.

After being told this, said witness, he informed Dr. Yu, who later informed the police. Two weeks after the operation in the hospital, deceased's condition improved, her temperature returned to normal, and there was little pus. She appeared to be more cheerful and ate and slept well. This condition was maintained for 10 days.

Between November 20 and 26, her condition grew worse, and she died about 10.40 p.m. on November 26. Before she died, deceased had told witness that one of the women who had operated on her was named Lam. Witness could not find out more, as the deceased was reluctant to talk.

Dr. P. B. Wilkinson, in charge of the Victoria Mortuary, said he performed a post-mortem examination. After detailing the results of his examination, he said deceased had died from septic peritonitis and subsequent heart failure.

Questioned by the Coroner, Dr. Wilkinson said that in view of the history of the case, he had made a special examination of the genital organs, but had found no evidence to show that the peritonitis had originated there.

Ho Mi, a 74-year-old woman, said that the deceased was her niece and was employed by her. The deceased left her employment on September 28, saying she was going back to the country. Before the woman left, witness had some suspicion of her reason for leaving, and took her to see a doctor, who confirmed her suspicions that the woman was pregnant. Deceased, however, denied this.

The deceased often went out at night, and sometimes stayed away for a few days, said witness. She did not know the man deceased went with. Witness did not see the deceased again after September 25.

At this point, the Coroner asked the jury whether they wished to proceed further with the inquiry. Although it seemed that an illegal operation of some kind had been performed, there was yet no proof that that operation was the cause of death.

After a short consultation, the jury said they did not wish to hear more evidence and returned a verdict of death from natural causes due to peritonitis, adding that there was no evidence of any other cause of death. The Coroner expressed agreement with the verdict.

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CHRISTMAS PARTIES Cheero Club Activities This Week

A Christmas party for servicemen was held on Monday at the Cheero Club, which was tastefully decorated.

Altogether 188 sat down, and after dinner they had games, dancing, and songs by Hector Wiggins and comic turns by Mr. Greene. Splendid spot prizes were given, while there was also carol and community singing.

Mrs. Hance, the Chairman of the Ladies Committee, thanked all the members of the Committee for their hard work, and presented, on behalf of the Club, some small gifts to some of the servicemen who had worked hard in various ways during the evening. It was altogether a very jolly party.

On Wednesday, the Christmas gain dance was held, when the band of the Royal Scots, by kind permission of the officers, played. Light refreshments were served, and over twenty prizes given for spot and statue dances, and so forth. Mrs. Deacon, in charge of dances, thanked

all for their support, and all present expressed their thanks for a very happy evening.

The Ladies Committee express thanks to friends of the Club who so generously donated money, refreshments, etc.

The following is the programme of functions at the Club for next week:

Monday, December 26, dance at 8.30 p.m.

Tuesday, whist drive at 8.45 p.m.

Wednesday, dance at 8.30 p.m.

Thursday, bridge evening.

Friday, bridge and mahjong.

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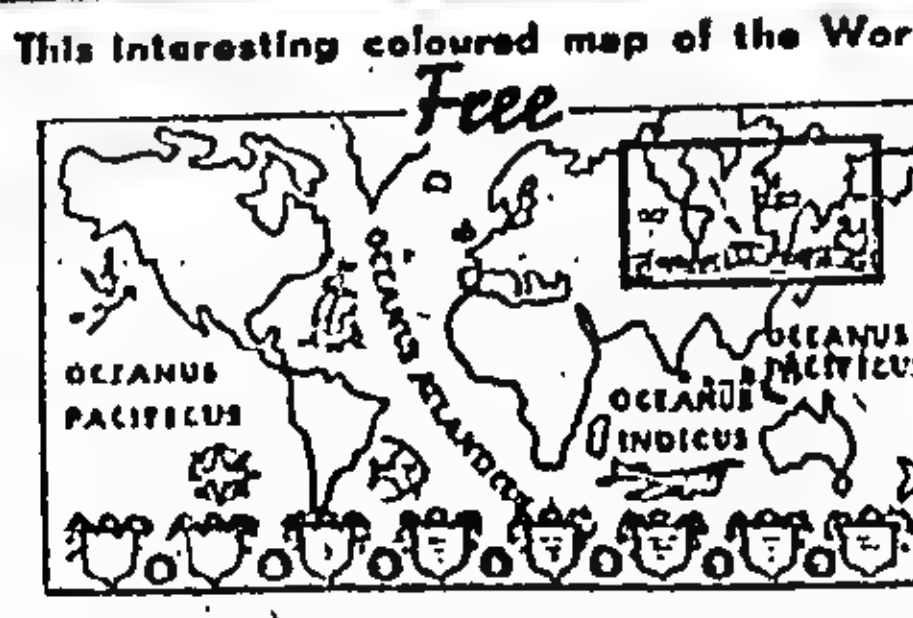
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"IF I WERE KING"

LOCAL RACING SEASON ENDS BEFORE HUGE CROWD

SPLENDID FEAT BY EU STABLE IN TARDY H'CAP Silkylight Again Lowers A Record

(By "Captain Foster")

The Hongkong Jockey Club closed their racing season last Saturday before one of the largest crowds ever assembled at Happy Valley. The dollar cash sweep counter was the chief attraction, the first prize in the opening event, the Hongkong Autumn Champions, being well over \$2,000 and ticket No. 1225 was worth \$5,574.80 for an outlay of \$2 in the last contest.

The outstanding feature of the meeting was the wonderful success of the Singapore philanthropist, Mr. Eu Tong-sen, whose three nominations, Lucky (with Mr. Encarnacion), Rose Queen (Mr. S. W. Poy) and Rose Queen (Mr. S. W. Poy) finished first, second and third respectively in the Tardy Handicap for "C" class China ponies. It was a hard fought-out battle, Lucky winning by a length and the same margin separated the other two ponies. Mr. Eu Tong-sen should feel proud of the record.

Champion's Wonderful Running

Silkylight Too Good For Field

Favoured with a good going, Silkylight, owned by Mr. Eric Moller of Shanghai and ridden by his son Mr. R. B. Moller, annexed the Hongkong Autumn Champions in record time of 2.21½ by many lengths, lowering Liberty Bay's track figure established on February 22, 1933, by two three-fifths seconds. It was certainly an amazing feat, the first quarter being covered in 28½ seconds and the next two furlongs were galloped in 28½ seconds. The third quarter was slackened to 29 seconds, but the speed of the next two furlongs was accelerated to 28½ seconds and then Silkylight came down the home

stretch in 27 seconds with a few pounds to spare.

We all knew that Silkylight was a first class animal, but we had no idea that he possessed such wonderful legs. It may not be known that the last mile was run in 1.52½ against the record time of 1.55 held by Diana Bay and the last half-a-mile was negotiated in 55½ seconds.

As was anticipated, Bear Claw jumped to the front at the release of the barrier followed by Confusion Bay, Silkylight and Expression Time, but I noticed that when they reached the bottom of the hill, Bear Claw was labouring owing to the fast pace. However, as they neared the ½ mile post, Confusion Bay took up the running and the first three quarters of the circuit were journeyed in 1.20½ which was a grand show. At this juncture Silkylight dropped back as if he could not follow the leader and there was a tremendous excitement in the two stands.

Coming down the Black Rock, the order was Confusion Bay, Bear Claw, Silkylight and Expression Time, and there was daylight between the runners. All the glasses were focussed on the ponies and those 1,570 backers on Silkylight must have thought that their money had gone west.

At the 1¼ mile beacon or thereabout the triple crown winner shot forward in a most remarkable way and before it or not, Silkylight was leading the pack at the top of the home stretch. Confusion Bay stuck to Mr. Eric Moller's candidate until the distance when he began to flag and Boogie Moller, who rode a clover race on Silkylight, was tickled to cross the "W. P." by many lengths. It was a fine race and the combination of Silkylight and Moller remains unbeaten.



Actively in the paddock after the saddling bell in the Dilatory Handicap, first leg of the "Double" at Saturday's races. New Star (Mr. S. W. Pan up) is at the head of the line, followed by the winner, Double Chance, ridden by Mr. A. W. Raymond, and Plain View (Mr. H. C. Pih up) which came second. On the right Mr. V. V. Needa is seen mounting Ebony Idol which was unplaced.—Pictorial News.

NO FLUKE IN LUCKY LAD'S WIN

Well-Timed Race
By V. V. Needa

I raise my hat to Lucky Lad, a "B" class Australian pony, winning the Queensland Autumn Champions and there was no fluke about his victory. The Jockey, Mr. Needa, nursed the pony and rode a nice race. Prior to this classic event, Lucky Lad finished behind Vixen Tor (winner) in the New Bridge Handicap for "B" class over six furlongs and in the circumstance I never expected that he had a chance of becoming the champion pony.

It was indeed a great pity that the hot favourite, Courting Eve, went lame after covering half the distance. The veteran Snowy River (1935 sub-

Special Homeside Soccer Forecast

The following are the teams specially selected to win in the Home Football programme tomorrow:

Home Winners

Everton
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Crystal Pal.
Newport
Northampton
Hamilton
Rangers

Popular Selections

Charlton
Hull
Stockport
Bradford

griffin), surprised us by running into a third place and she was also from the "B" brigade.

Readers and punters will no doubt be interested to know that Lucky Lad was by Tom McCarthy and there are three sons by the same sire among the consignment which arrived here about the beginning of August for 1939 Annual Carnival. Pony No. 40 belongs to Mrs. Eu Tong-sen, No. 52 owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stanton and No. 55 is the property of the stable Ciro. They have not as yet been named, but keep an eye on them during the training season. Centre Court gave a very disappointing display and so did the Spring champion, Strathroy.



Above is a picture of the Hanamweight Belt of the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots, which was won last night by Pte. Craig, who beat Pte. 40 Scott. The Belt was presented by Capt. G. H. Evans, one time Light-weight Champion of Scotland, who won it outright when a Sergeant in the Regiment, 1912, 1913, 1914.

Here And There With "Abe"

First Test Starts In S. Africa To-morrow

THE M.C.C. cricketers in South Africa under the captaincy of Walter Hammond will embark tomorrow on the task of regaining possession of the "rubber" which has not been won by England since 1922-23. It is generally considered in South Africa that the M.C.C. has sent out its strongest side for 50 years. For the first time, England will be represented by the full strength of its home eleven, with Hammond leading a model team—the sort of side that the student of cricket would pick from the formula of the text book. The matches played by the tourists to date confirm the high opinion held of the team at the beginning of the visit, and no doubt the chances are that England will win the series, which begins at Johannesburg tomorrow. Four days have been allocated to each Test match, and the First Test will be played on December 24, 26, 27 and 28; the Second on December 31; January 2, 3 and 4; the Third on January 20, 21, 23 and 24; the Fourth on February 18, 20, 21 and 22; and the Fifth on March 3, 4, 6 and 7.

Relying On Spin

IT is expected that the home players will rely mostly on spin bowling to foil the M.C.C. batting star, Louis Duffus, a leading South African cricketer, says that one reason why South Africa may rely on spin bowlers is the responsiveness of the wickets. This may be so, but at the time of writing the South African team has not been chosen, and it is possible that a different policy may be decided upon by the South African selectors. So far the only thing known is that Alan Melville, former Oxford University and Sussex captain, has been chosen to captain the Union team in all five Tests.

Popular Choice

FROM all accounts it is a popular choice; for no player in South Africa knows more about contemporary English cricket, while Melville has also been described as one of the best batsmen against spin bowling of his generation, although he does not seem to be in his peak form at the moment. That the highest respect is being held of his captaincy is shown by the comments of Hammond and Sir Pelham Warner when his selection was announced. Hammond said, "I am delighted that Melville has been chosen to captain South Africa. I have known him a number of years, and am pleased he is to lead South Africa. He is a very astute captain." Sir Pelham stated, "We all know Melville as a very good cricketer, and he was a very successful captain both for Oxford and for Sussex. Naturally I cannot hope that he will lead South Africa to

victory, but I am certain that he will get the best out of his side."

Tribute to Hammond

SIR Pelham Warner recently paid the following tribute to Hammond's captaincy last season: "Great on the field of play, he (Hammond) was an able, inspiring and sympathetic leader. Captaining an England eleven is never an easy role. Hammond filled the position splendidly in every respect." It is a tribute that will receive universal support; yet it is not without irony to those who have good memories. In the space of one year he has captained England through a Test series with Australia and has been made a full member of the M.C.C. He has been nominated for the captaincy of his country, and is now leading an M.C.C. England team in South Africa. He would have done none of those things had he remained a professional. Sir Pelham Warner led the way in paying tribute to a great cricketer captain with the words quoted from his article in the Cricketer's Annual.

Women's Swimming

IRENE van Feggelen's feat in swimming the 200 metres backstroke

COACH FOR NOTTS CLUB NEXT YEAR

Sir Julien Cahn has agreed to de-fray the cost of coaching the Notts County Cricket side for the next three years.

The decision of the Club to engage D. J. Knight as Technical Adviser to the Club with a former Australian Test player, Alvin Fairfax as his assistant, follows the decline in standard of play by the Club last season.

Last season Notts, once one of the strongest counties finished 12th in the championship table. In 1937 Notts fell from fifth to 10th place.

at Amsterdam on Sunday last in 2 mins. 39 secs. once again brings to mind the tremendous progress swimming has made during the last 15 years. Many present-day women's records are of the same standard as even the Dutch men swimmers' best performances about 1923. It has happened before that an outstanding girl athlete has paved the way for the men. Only a few years ago, the Dutch girls ruled the swimming world while their countrymen were far below international standard. Now even the Dutch men swimmers have come to the fore and have produced a European champion, but the leading Dutch coach for both sexes is still Mme. Braun. Now a precedent of far-reaching importance has been created in Belgium. Mlle. Caron swam the 1,000 metres (about 1,100 yards) in 14 mins. 31 sec., thus not only lowering the former women's record by 2½ min. but even surpassing the men's record held by Gullinus with 14 min. 43 sec. Thus a girl became champion of both sexes in Belgium. Probably not such a thing has happened before.

Subscription Griffins Drawn For

China Ponies For 1939 Season

The Hongkong Jockey Club's China pony subscription griffins of 1939 were drawn by Mrs. D. C. Edmondston and Mrs. T. E. Pearce in the presence of H.E. the Governor, stewards and a good crowd of owners and racing fans during the week. The draw resulted as follows:

Draw No.	Drawn By	Colour	Height
201	Mrs. F. C. Hall	Grey	41½
202	P. P. D. & Co.	Bay	41½
203	L. F. & Co.	Grey	41½
204	Mrs. Eu Tong-sen	Bay	41½
205	L. F. & Co.	Grey	41½
206	Lady Northcote	Grey	41½
207	Hollandia	Grey	41½
208	John P. & Co.	Grey	41½
209	S. T. Williamson	Grey	41½
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212	Craig	Bay	41½
213	Moller and Johannessen	Grey	41½
214	H. W. Lee	Grey	41½
215	Shields and Stanton	Grey	41½
216	Dynasty	Grey	41½
217	Foursons	Grey	41½
218	Wong Sul Ngau	Grey	41½
219	Lucky	Grey	41½
220	Gray Wing Chiu & Co.	Grey	41½
221	C. H.	Black	41½
222	Gratia	Grey	41½
223	F. S. K.	Grey	41½
224	W. P.	Grey	41½
225	Yung Sing Yuen	Bay	41½
226	Diamonds	Dun	41½
227	Teeter and Abraham	Ches.	41½
228	K. C. C.	Ches.	41½
229	S. M. K.	Ches.	41½
230	S. S. L.	Ches.	41½
231	T. & Co.	Ches.	41½
232	Li Bros.	Ches.	41½
233	Hollandia	Ches.	41½
234	S. L. & Co.	Bay	41½
235	Necan	Bay	41½
236	Lopes and Liang	Dun	41½
237	Dr. S. B.	Black	41½
238	Chung Huyen	Bay	41½
239	Mrs. F. C. Hall	Grey	41½
240	Tammy	Ches.	41½
241	Mrs. Dunbar	Bay	41½
242	G. W. Sewell	Ches.	41½
243	Mrs. S. B.	Black	41½
244	S. T. Williamson	Ches.	41½
245	Why	Ches.	41½
246	Chau Bros.	Ches.	41½
247	C. N. K.	Ches.	41½
248	K. F. Wong	Dun	41½
249	Sports	Ches.	41½
250	Fish	Ches.	41½
251	Eu Tong-sen	Black	41½
252	Lee Shiu Kee & S. W. Lee	Bay	41½
253	Hope	Grey	41½
254	Dynasty	Dun	41½
255	M. H.	Black	41½
256	Dr. Lee Shiu Kee	Bay	41½
257	Winner	Black	41½
258	Manetta	Ches.	41½
259	Relation	Ches.	41½
260	Li Po-chun	Ches.	41½
261	G. W. Tang	Bay	41½
262	S. W. Tang	Ches.	41½
263	Jolly Co.	Ches.	41½
264	Cocoon	Bay	41½
265	Primos	Grey	41½
266	Li and Li	Brown	41½
267	Li Po-chun	Bay	41½
268	Buccaners	Ches.	41½
269	J. F. Macgregor	Ches.	41½
270	S. N.	Bay	41½
271	Eu Tong-sen	Grey	41½
272	Anahy	Bay	41½
273	Chiu Cheong Pan	Bay	41½
274	Henry	Ches.	41½
275	Black and White	Ches.	41½
276	Lee	Ches.	41½
277	Gratia	Ches.	41½
278	S. T. Williamson	Grey	41½
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288	Chen, Chan and Feng	Ches.	41½
289	Moller and Johannessen	Grey	41½
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

FANLING RACES START ON BOXING DAY

SATISFACTORY ENTRIES RECEIVED FOR EVENTS

(By "Captain Foster")

The official opening meet of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will be held at Kwanti on Boxing day.

For the convenience of racing public there will be special trains at 12.12 p.m. and 1.25 p.m. to Fanling and return at 5.50 p.m. and 6.51 p.m. to Kowloon. The Railway first class return fare is \$2 including admission to the Racecourse. Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1 and Service Men in uniform are charged at half price.

With the curtain drawn down at Happy Valley we now look forward to Fanling to provide us with thrills over the sticks and fences. Of course its popularity, especially among the Navy and Army officers, is too well known and it is learned that a few low class Australian and China ponies have recently changed ownership. As a result very satisfactory entries have been received. In fact the Stewards have decided to divide the Jorrock Plate into two divisions on account of the large number of nominations.

Schooling a jumper is entirely a different proposition from flat racing, but it is best to commence operations while the pony is young. Many a hurdler has proved a failure owing to the eagerness of the owner trying to make the pony jump without proper schooling.

However, owing to the long drought, the going will no doubt be hard and, judging by the forecast, does not look that the weather clerk will be kind enough to provide a soft course.

Ebony Idol Should Win His Event

The curtain raiser will be the Tai-po Handicap, a steeplechase for China ponies, over 1 1/4 miles and there are no less than 11 entries. It is hard to follow the line of the handicapper's allotment of weights. Estover, who annexed this contest last year with the limit load of 168 lbs., has again been set to shoulder the same weight, but Ebony Idol (the winner of the Fanling Grand National and the most exclusive event) has to carry 3 lbs. less. In the latter steeplechase, Ebony Idol was considered by the handicapper to be 2 lbs. better jumper than Estover (the jockey weighed out with 114 lbs. overweight) and it is interesting to relate that these leapers never met again. If my memory serves, Estover came a cropper when taking Lou's Leap, but it is strange to see that a pony should be penalised 3 lbs. for a technical knockout or in other words not completing the course. As a racer at Happy Valley, we all know that Estover can concede two stones to Ebony Idol, but what has the former done at Fanling to be placed at the top of the assessment? Ebony Idol won three clever jumping events last season and he will be the first one to hand in his card to the judges on Boxing Day followed by Estover and Araxy. Diogenes or Double Chance is, in my opinion, a good outsider.

GOOD HURLERS IN THIS RACE

There are several good hurdlers in the Jorrock Plate "A" division

Coming Attraction

"IF I WERE KING"

JORROCKS PLATE "B" DIVISION

In the Jorrock Plate "B" division which is a hurdle event over 1 1/4 miles, there is not much class among this section. Arabian Cat is new at the game and so is Rexiana, the former being a better animal. I like, however, The Mink, Canary and Silver Fox.

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TABBY CAT MAY NOT ACCEPT

By virtue of his win in the Final Handicap at Happy Valley last Saturday, Tabby Cat has incurred a penalty of 7 lbs. and this penalty has to shoulder 172 lbs. in the Happy Valley Handicap, a fat race over a mile for "E" class China ponies. I have good reason to believe that Tabby Cat will not accept and it looks the second pony, Mac's Adventure, will have no difficulty to present his card to the judges. Easy Time and Symbic should be in the limelight at the finish. I do not expect that any of the low weights will upset the apparent, but Palmer, who has been kindly treated, is very tempting at 145 lbs.

10 ENTRIES FOR CANBERRA H'CAP

The Canberra Handicap, a steeplechase over a course of 1 1/4 miles for Australian ponies, has attracted no less than 10 entries with the inclusion of Mr. G. Trevelyan's Brutus who is at the top of the ladder with 168 lbs. Llangollen, Sen Urchin, Spectrum and Tevidiane are the new comers and I have not much information about them. However, Brutus, who annexed the Australian Grand National on March 7, 1937, in my fancy with Spark Plug and Plummary to finish behind.

CONSOLATION SCURRY

The meeting will terminate with a consolation scurry, a flat race of half-a-mile for China ponies that have started at the meeting and I am sure that it will not lack the usual keenness and interest. I much regret, however, that the tipping must be left to readers' discretion owing to post entries.

SELECTIONS FOR FIRST FIVE RACES

My selections for the first five events are as follows:

TAIPO HANDICAP
Ebony Idol
Estover
Araxy

JORROCKS PLATE "B" DIVISION
The Mink
Canary
Silver Fox

JORROCKS PLATE "A" DIVISION
Jack O' Lantern
Zero
Meteor

HAPPY VALLEY HANDICAP
Mac's Adventure
Easy Time
Symbic

CANBERRA HANDICAP
Brutus
Spark Plug
Plummary

Dorris Lee Surprises
TUSCALOOSA, Ala.
Dorris Lee Upchurch thought it highly irregular when authorities at the University of Alabama insisted he take a course in physical education for women. But he appeared at the first class, 6 feet tall and pipe in mouth. He was excused.



Walter Woolf King and Della Lind take the principal singing roles in "Swiss Miss," starring Laurel and Hardy. The picture comes to the King's Theatre to-morrow as the Christmas attraction.

30th Battery Overcome Stanley League Football Ties Decided

After a hard fought game at Happy Valley yesterday 30th Battery, R.A., managed to overcome Stanley by one goal scored during the first half. The winners displayed much better combination and were far superior in their finishing ability.

The game opened with Stanley on the defensive and Yearling went close for the Battery, his passing shot striking the cross-bar to go over. At this stage, with the strong wind in their favour, the Battery's intermediate trio were making a glaring mistake in the manner in which they overkicked their own forwards. However, after 25 minutes, they went ahead through Cook who netted with a fine shot that gave the goalkeeper no chance whatsoever.

On the resumption play was most even but with only five minutes left for play Halpin netted what appeared to be a perfectly good goal which the referee immediately awarded, but on the intervention of the linesman he reversed his decision in favour of Stanley to award a free-kick for hands.

The Battery were best served in defence by Hiole and Guy whilst Cook and Flanders displayed clever combination on the left wing. Hall, Marsh and Frier were the outstanding members of the Stanley team.

MEDICALS BEATEN

Goalkeeper Collides With Centre Forward

Yesterday on St. Joseph's ground Stonecutters W.F. kept up their challenge to the R.A.F. in the Third Division "B" Section in defeating the Medicals by the only goal of the match. There was very little over which to enthuse in this meeting as both teams kept the ball far too much in the air and in view of the very strong wind that was blowing across the pitch very little constructive play was seen.

Stonecutters took up the attack from the kick-off and after five minutes play a goal looked certain but Wyne brought off a really fine save and in doing so sustained a nasty cut on the head through colliding with Chapman, the Sailors' centre-forward; his injury necessitated him leaving the goal and assuming the left wing position, whilst Parkin filled the vacancy between the sticks. Following this interruption Stonecutters opened the scoring through Chapman.

On the resumption, although having the wind in their favour, the Medicals were continually on the defensive and only hesitancy in front of goal robbed Stonecutters of many good scoring opportunities. Play continued to be most one-sided, but the Medicals defended stoutly and not

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Of Human Hearts" (King's Theatre, to-day).—An honest, sincere and moving film. Though somewhat spoiled by a melodramatic ending, the story of a stern frontier pastor, his self-sacrificing wife and their strong-willed son who forgets gratitude in his selfish ambition benefits tremendously by Clarence Brown's fine direction and the performances of Beulah Bondi, Walter Huston, James Stewart, Gene Reynolds, Gene Lockhart, Charles Coburn and Charley Grapewin.

"White Banners" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Sentimental inspirational drama which takes on a certain nobility through the excellent performance of its principal characters. Fay Bainter is the serving woman who enters a household on a cold winter morning and remains to become a firm counsellor and a strong defence against adversity when it arrives. The climax comes after the master of the house, a poor professor, has been his "helpless leech" invention stolen and is persuaded by the servant that by not fighting he will turn defeat into victory. Miss Bainter is outstanding, and others in the cast lend excellent support. Claude Rains, Kay Johnson, Jackie Cooper, Bonita Granville, Henry O'Neill and James Stephenson are the supporters.

"Non-Stop New York" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Gaumont's prophetic picture of trans-Atlantic passenger service. A fast-moving film, well-directed and well-acted. Anna Lee, English "Glamour Girl," shines honours with John Loder.

"The Crowd Roars" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Robert Taylor as a prize-fighter. This should remove the last doubt about his virility. But this prize-fighter is no plug-ugly. He is a gentleman who reads H. G. Wells and likes him. Mr. Taylor here falls in love with the daughter (Maureen O'Sullivan) of a gambler who has bought his contract. An exciting melodrama is worked out before the final reunion. Edward Arnold, Frank Morgan, William Garagan, Lionel Stander, Nat Pendleton.

"Rich Man, Poor Girl" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—A third filming of the good old Cinderella play called "White Collars," telling how the wealthy man helped the poor family and married the daughter. Robert Young, Lew Ayres and Ruth Hussey.

Further goals were added before the final whistle.

For the Medicals Parkin was a very capable substitute between the sticks and Webb and Leverington showed a welcome return to form in the full-back division. "Florence" who has bought his contract. An exciting melodrama is worked out before the final reunion. Edward Arnold, Frank Morgan, William Garagan, Lionel Stander, Nat Pendleton.

For Stonecutters Kew defended stoutly at full-back and all three halves performed creditably. Among a quick moving set of forwards Garfield and Ferris were outstanding, the former being the only one to impress with marksmanship.

Medicals: Wyne; Webb, Leverington, Adington, Barnsley, Stonecutters, Scriven, Frier, Harvey and Parkin.

Stonecutters: Ricknell; Kew, Hongwill; Hoop, Banham, Turnbull, Maynard, Croft, Chapman, Ferris and Garfield.

Army And Club To Meet Again

Second Round Of Rugger Tournay

The second round of the annual Rugby Football Triangular Tournament between the Army, Navy and Club will commence on Saturday when the Club plays the Army on the Club ground at Happy Valley. The game will commence at 4 p.m. and will be refereed by Lt. Cmdr. Linton.

His Excellency the Governor has stated that he will watch the match. In the first round of this tournament the Club had an easy win over the Army after an opening period of twenty minutes when it looked any body's game. The Army then lost their scrum-half, and a forward through injury and later another member of the pack was hurt and became practically a passenger. Thus, playing against virtually twelve men, the club were able to score freely in the second half and eventually won by 28 points to 3 points.

It is hoped that the Army will be more fortunate next Saturday, and that the close game which was promised at the out-set of the first match will this time materialise. The Army will be all out to avoid the wooden spoon for this year's tournament as they have yet to register a win. Spectators should see a close and lively game.

Prior to the Triangular Tournament match the Club "A" XV will play a Navy side. This match will commence at 2.45 p.m. and will be refereed by P. J. A. R. Selby.

Army and Navy sides have already been published. The Club sides have been selected as follows:—

1st XV.—W. M. MacGrath, G. K. Chadwick, H. D. Bidwell (Captain), W. E. Grieve, D. H. Stewart, F. Cessford, J. R. Henderson, K. A. Watson, K. W. Salter, A. J. G. Taylor, E. C. Luscombe, W. E. Peers, H. W. E. Heath, W. B. Richardson, and J. Redman.

"A" XV.—J. T. Brown, D. I. Bosanquet, G. S. Wilson, D. Hynes, C. J. Powell, J. Hutchison, R. Rutherford, C. M. Stark, P. W. Burton, R. G. L. Oliphant (Captain), E. A. Bompas, J. Moodie, A. G. Danziel, K. H. G. White and G. J. P. Carey.

NOVEL SOFTBALL GAME ARRANGED FOR XMAS DAY

A novel game of softball has been arranged to take place on the C.B.A. ground at King's Park, at 10.30 a.m. on Xmas morning, in which men and girls of the C.B.A. squads will take part.

The two nines will be evenly matched and in order to make the game more difficult for the men taking part, they will be forced to play left-handed through-out.

At noon, the draw will take place at the club premises of a raffle for a motor-car which has been conducted in order to raise funds for the club. All those who have bought tickets are requested to come to the club.

TRANSPORT OF PONIES

Ponies entered for the Happy Valley Handicap of the Fanling Race Meeting on Boxing Day will be transported free to Kwangli, and they must be at the Kowloon railway station at 9 a.m. on Christmas Day. They will be brought back on Tuesday, arrived at Kowloon at 6.05 a.m.

"E" class ponies, which have been promoted to "D" class will be eligible to run in the Happy Valley Handicap as their promotion does not become effective until January 1.

Wed at Police Station

TURLOCK, Cal.
Love laughed, it not with lock-smiths, at least with turnkeys when Marion Olds and Miss Kathryn Martin were married at police headquarters. Desk Sergeant David C. Peters, a retired clergyman, officiated, while Chief of Police E. W. Grady was one of the witnesses.

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WHITE HORSE WHISKY

GOOD BOXING SEEN AT ROYAL SCOTS TOURNAY

The finals of the individual boxing championships of the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots were held at Murray Barracks last night. Some good boxing was seen, and perhaps the best bout of the evening was that between Cpl. Elliott and Pte. McReady, which was won by the former on points. Both boxers fought gamely throughout the three rounds, and in the end they were congratulated by the chief judge.

Another bout, which was greatly enjoyed by the spectators was that between L/Cpl. Miller and L/Cpl. Barker. It was a case of experience against youth and, though beaten, Miller, who is 37 years of age, put up a good display.

After Lieut.-Col. D. J. MacDougall, Officer Commanding, had congratulated the winners and the football team on their victory over South China "A" a few days ago, Brigadier F. W. T. Reeve gave away the prizes.

The following were the results: Bantamweight—Pte. Craig beat Pte. 40

CRAIGENGOWER DRAW

The draw for the Craigengower Christmas draw, which took place last night, resulted:

1, 4, 8, 11, 14, 16, 17, 33, 39, 43, 45, 64, 67, 68, 70, 73, 74, 75, 81, 85, 103, 104, 112, 117, 118, 123, 125, 129, 131, 132, 133, 140, 150, 152, 157, 172, 174, 176, 183, 186, 187, 188, 196.

200, 212, 214, 218, 222, 235, 238, 239, 248, 249, 248, 258.

304, 309, 310, 320, 324, 325, 331, 330, 347, 348, 358, 360, 367, 372, 383, 384, 385, 394, 397.

404, 406, 407, 417, 419, 421, 422, 424, 426, 429, 440, 443, 446, 450, 455, 466, 465, 627, 628, 494, 495, 496.

603, 607, 611, 615, 617, 618, 620, 621, 627, 629, 631, 632, 638, 637, 650, 651, 651, 657, 670, 681, 680, 682, 698.

Boots.
Featherweight—L/Cpl. McCusick beat L/Cpl. Brown.
Lightweight—Pte. Scott 70 beat L/Cpl. Morley.
Middleweight—Bds. Emmerson beat Pte. McNally.
Heavyweight—L/Cpl. Peebles received walk-over from Pte. Sharmen.
Welterweight—Cpl. Elliott beat Pte. McReady.
Special contests—Pte. Banker beat Pte. Taylor; Boy Gills beat Boy Rogers; Boy Martin beat Boy Maxwell; and L/Cpl. Barker beat L/Cpl. Miller.

CHOOSE A SMALL BIRD AND COOK IT THIS WAY

SELECTION is extremely important with any kind of poultry, but to-day the housewife's task is made considerably easier, as birds are carefully graded in all the big shops.

Staleness in turkeys or chickens shows very little until they are actually on your plate.

Fine Skin

Choose birds of fine skin—the colour is not so important as the fineness of the pores. Although white-skinned birds are supposed to be more tender, with good cooking a yellow-skinned bird can come to the mouth as tender as a peach.

Turkey is best eaten hot—cold turkey having a tendency to taste rather like tough mutton. Don't then, buy too large a bird. It's usually safe to allow two to three pounds of weight in reckoning your size of bird—an eight-pound turkey for six people, a ten-pound turkey for seven or eight people, and so on.

The best possible way to cook both turkey and chicken is in a covered aluminum baking dish with ventilator top. You are then saved all basting troubles, and need not touch the bird until half an hour before serving, when you dish or open the ventilator wide.

Wipe your bird over with a clean cloth wrung out in warm water. Use small, neat wooden skewers to fasten up the stuffing, and be rather extravagant with the butter you use for basting.

On this important occasion you should allow yourself from 15 to 15 lb. of butter in which to cook the bird. Melt the butter in a small saucepan and pour it over the bird just before it goes in the oven. If you wish a crisp skin to the bird, lightly beat the bird with the butter.

Cook slowly in a moderate oven, increasing the heat for the browning process of the last half-hour. All 15 minutes' cooking per pound of bird, plus the extra half-hour at the end.

Stuffings
WHAT you stuff your birds with is entirely a question of your individual palate. A chestnut stuffing is excellent with either

turkey or chicken at this time of year. For this allow one pound of chestnuts to a good-sized bird, and boil them thoroughly in their skins first. Then plunge into cold water and leave for ten minutes. By that time the skins should come off quite easily, including the brown, fibrous underskin.

Found the chestnuts very finely. Blend the nuts with a little butter and either cream or eggs. Add salt, pepper, and a tiny pinch of mustard to flavour, and fill the bird tightly. Your Christmas beef should be ten days old; then it will be in really perfect condition. Wing ribs and scapulae are the most popular joints. The flesh should be bright red. If it is at all purple it is stale, and if it is a very pale red it will be tough.

Wipe the joint over with a wet cloth and then flour thoroughly with flour in which you have mixed salt and pepper in your dredger. Cook in a deep dish with a good sized knob of butter on top as well as any beef dripping you may have. Baste all joints frequently unless you are using a cover. Serve with butter pudding and at least two vegetables.

Watch Your Windows

MANY modern houses have such delightful broad window-sills that they deserve to be well dressed. Window-sills lend a great deal of character to a room if the housewife has taste and ingenuity.

In a house seen recently every room possessed its window ledge and each was differently dressed to suit the individual need of the room. The lounge, for instance—a large blue room overlooking a busy street, and therefore having net curtains flung across the windows—had a tall cream vase in the centre of the sill filled with delphiniums to match the colour scheme, flanked by a pair of squat vases of a pale shade of blue, each filled with a small posy of pink and blue flowers. The effect was pleasing against the mistiness of the net curtains.

Books, by the way, should be put on window ledges where they do not show from outside. Placed in uncurtained windows with only the

I'M GOING to be MARRIED

on New Year's Eve

"SUCH a rush I've had," the manageress of a dressmaking establishment said to me—

whilst I was being fitted for a new dress. "I'm going to be married on New Year's Eve. We've got the house, what about you giving a hand with the furnishing?" she whispered in her best wheedling voice.

"Right," I said, "that's easy. You'll spend the afternoon at the Woman's Fair with me. Everything you want you will find there under one roof."

"But mind," I said, as later on we went into Olympia. "No fun and games this afternoon. You can come back later with your young man and enjoy the fun of the fair, but to-day it's serious business."

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"As you are going to continue your business for a time you want a house that will practically run itself, and there will be no better servant than electricity."

In the Pavilion devoted to electrical equipment we found all that was worth while in stoves and lighting, heating and labour-saving for colour schemes."

I said, "First you want help about the workshop of the house, so let's absorb some of the details in the model health and cleanliness kitchen." We then looked round for the newest ideas in labour-saving. One of the latest things about modern times and

edges of the volumes seen from outside, they do not look their best. In the kitchen, where the colour scheme is green and white, a white window sill with a tubby green vase kept filled with the cottage garden type of flower looks effective.

A dining-room recently seen had one of those delightful flower rings holding short-stemmed flowers on its broad sill, and on each of the smaller sills—a small one to match filled with a similar colour scheme of flowers.

Windows are so prominent a part of any room that it pays to make them attractive. If taste and simplicity are the keynote.

P. M.

Janet Jay with a Bride-to-Be at Woman's Fair



We've already signed the agreement for the house.

The modern kitchen is that "Black Monday" need not exist any more.

Given the proper washing equipment, you can get through the week's laundry, sheets and all, in double quick time and have it ironed and out of the way by Tuesday.

The first thing I noticed about the new Hotpoint electric cabinet washing machine is that the enamelled top is just the right height to use as an extra table, and beautifully cool for pastry making. So the washing machine is a useful piece of furniture and does not waste floor space.

Opened up, the cabinet reveals an efficient washing machine which is as easy to use as a vacuum cleaner. The wringer, which stows away in a cupboard in the base of the cabinet, and just its tenders automatically to the material going through, and the soft upper roller is kind to buttons and press studs.

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THE bowl itself is octagonal, and a new idea to ensure maximum agitation of the soapy water and thorough washing of every kind of material.

You can choose a vacuum cleaner to suit your own particular needs as the Goblin brand. If you have large carpets or fitted carpets, the sweeper type of cleaner is usually satisfactory. I noticed that the Goblin "Moirarch" a vibrator-sweeper cleaner which grinds all embedded dust and grit out of the carpets, is made in a sensible size so that it is not too bulky to stow away in a cupboard.

If you have heavy curtains, picture rails and so on to keep clean, the Goblin carpet cleaner is probably the best type for you, because it has a good range of accessories for dealing with all the odd corners about the house.

The carpet nozzle of the Goblin "Clean Sweep" cylinder cleaner, I noticed, has an agitator device for picking up cottons.

The price complete, by the way, is six and a half guineas.

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SO many people have spoiled floors with rugs that I made a special note of a new automatic polisher on another stand. You can use this with a long handle for floors or a short one for furniture.

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We watched a new miniature electric grill frying bacon and grilling Welsh rabbit on a plate, and a girl moving grease stains from a silky fabric with a dab of powder and a little water. And several coal cookers were working just as they would in your own kitchen!

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"CARPETS," exclaimed my dressmaker friend, "I need guidance about these."

"There's your object lesson," I said, as we gazed at a lovely range of self-coloured ones on The Times Furnishing stand. "Self-coloureds you have agreed upon right through the house, except in the dining-room—where a well-covered pattern helps to obliterate footmarks round the table and stains from spills by the sideboard."

"Fawn" beige is the fashionable underfoot colour at the moment. You can have a pinky tone or a yellowy one, according to your scheme."

"A man needs a pinky," she said, "Let's go up to the food gallery." We lingered here sampling tit-bits both sweet and savoury. They all tasted so fresh and good, what set me thinking that it was time to start ordering extra supplies for Christmas. Soup is a grand stand-by for all times, and on the Heinz stand we found the full range of cream and meat soups.

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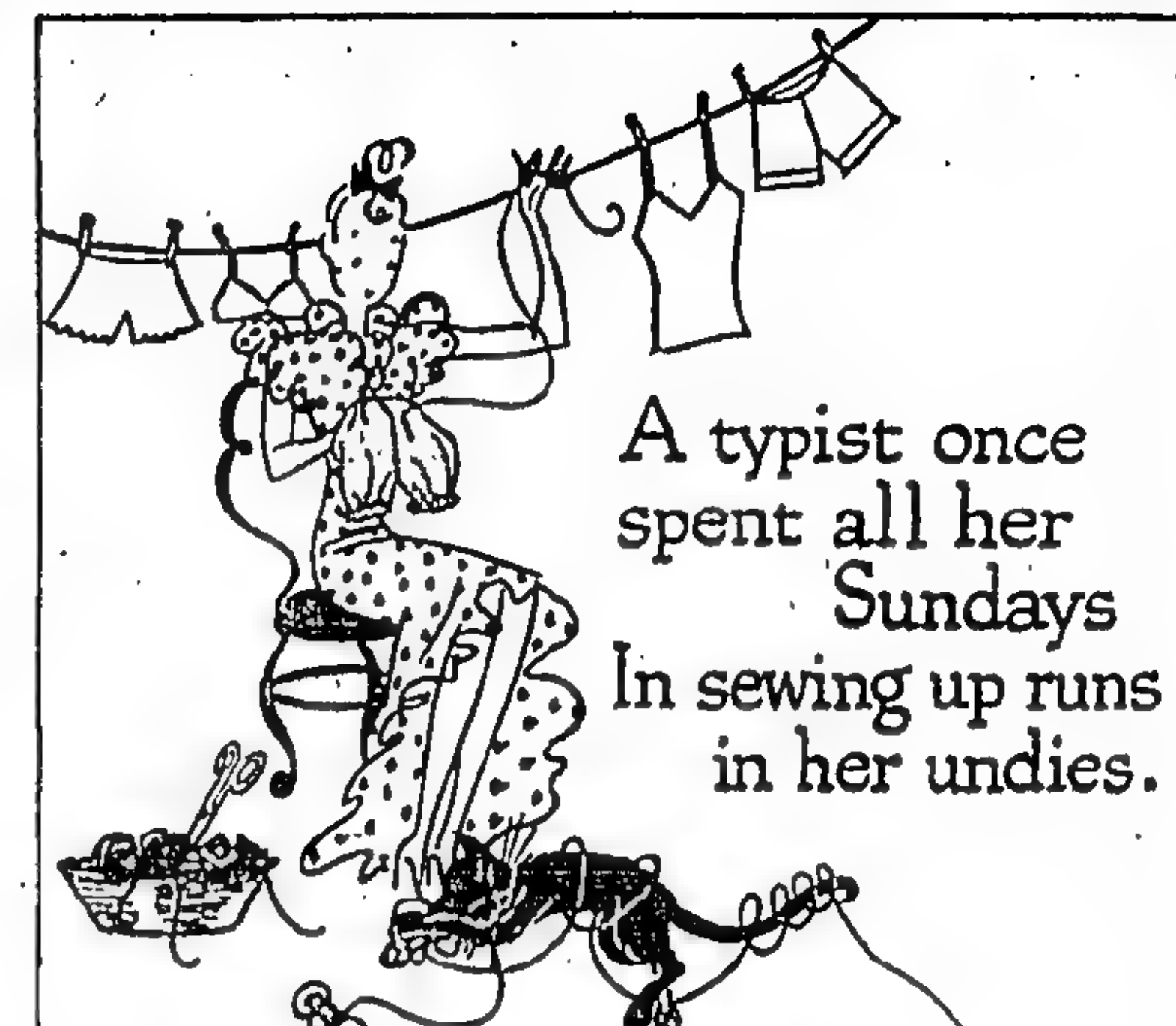
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CUSTOMS TARIFFS

Drastic Restrictions In North China

Shanghai, Dec. 22.

Reports are freely circulating in usually well-informed circles in Tientsin, according to a report from that city, that a number of changes in Customs tariffs for North China are at present under consideration.

It is understood that last month the Peiping Provisional Government authorities drew up a list of items the importation of which it was proposed to restrict drastically. The list is said to comprise 95 numbered sections, including all luxuries.

The German Chamber of Commerce reports that it has obtained an advance list which, it is stated, would later be made available to other importers.

The authorities in close touch with the Provisional Government denied the reports when they were first circulated, and since the announcement of the American credit loan to the Chinese Government and the reported impending British loan, reports of a revision of the Customs tariffs have begun to circulate with greater persistence. Rumours go as far as to suggest that there will be a prohibition on the import of all but Japanese goods into North China.

Revenue Increases

None of these reports or rumours can be confirmed, but it is the general impression here that the final intentions of the Provisional Government have not yet crystallised.

Imports into Tientsin have increased heavily during recent months and Customs revenue has rocketed. The increases are generally believed to indicate, firstly, that goods are again reaching consumers in the interior, secondly, that importers increased their stocks owing to fears of extreme restrictions against imports, and, thirdly, uncertainty over the currency situation resulted in goods being hoarded in preference to cash.—Reuter.

A Trans-Ocean message from Shanghai says the Japanese authorities there profess complete ignorance of the matter.

The Customs authorities state that officially they have received no information to that effect and that no definite ban has been imposed so far but they add that they are aware that import restrictions are to be tightened up considerably in the near future.

Japanese Report

Shanghai, Dec. 22. Confirmation of reports that a revision of Customs tariff in North China might be expected in the near future was given by the Japanese news agency Domei to-day. It states that revision of the present tariff is one of the questions to be discussed at a meeting of representatives of both the Reformed and Provisional Governments which opened in Peiping to-day. Other questions to be discussed include regulation of raw cotton exports, postal administration, consolidated tax system, exportation of raw materials and control of trade. The admission of the federated Mongolian Autonomous Government and the recently formed Canton Peace Maintenance Commission to the joint commission of the two Governments will also come up for discussion, it is understood. The Nanking delegation includes Liang Chung-chih, Wen Tsung-yao, Chen Chun and Hsia Chi-feng, and the Provisional Government delegates are Wang Keh-min, Wang I-lang and Chu Shen.—Reuter.

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"IF I WERE KING"

PHOTO NEWS



Group photograph taken after the recent wedding of Mr. L. A. Scopes, Vice-Consul in Sharnoon, and Miss Brunhilde S. Rolfe, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. V. E. Rolfe.—King's Studio.



An enjoyable Christmas dinner party for service men was recently given by the Ladies Committee of the Cheero Club when the above photograph was taken.—King's Studio.



The shops in Hongkong are contributing to the Christmas spirit by decorating their windows for the celebrations.
LEFT, Dodwell and Co. advertise hampers.
BELOW, "Craven A" is prominently displayed in another Dodwell window.
AT BOTTOM, The Lane, Crawford toy window.
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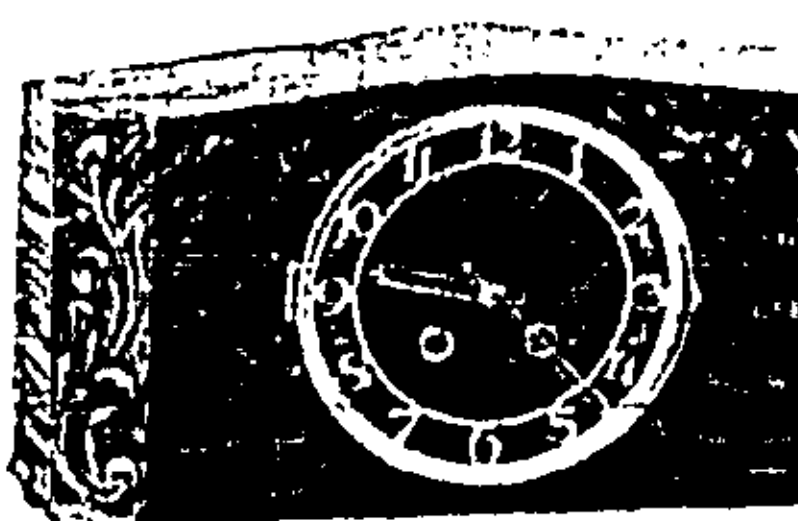
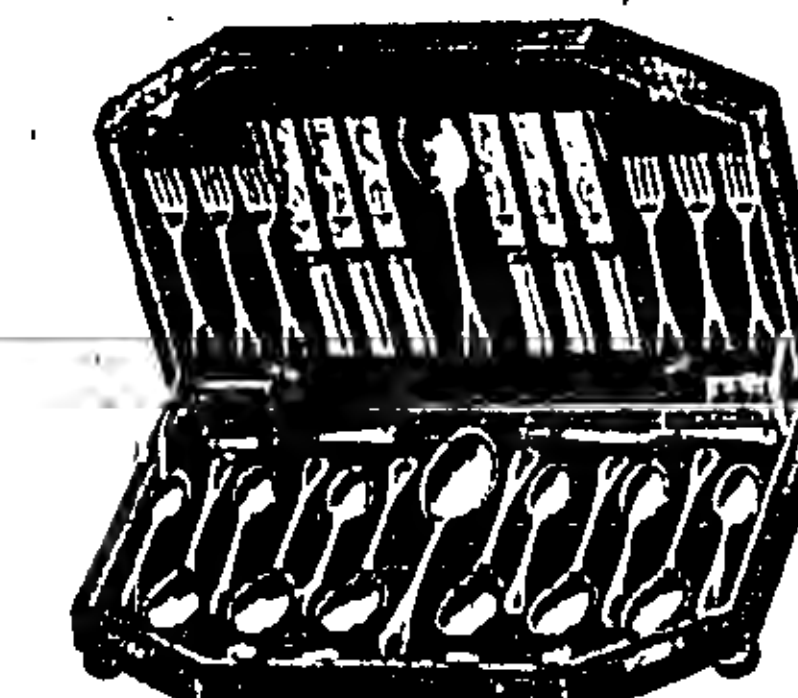
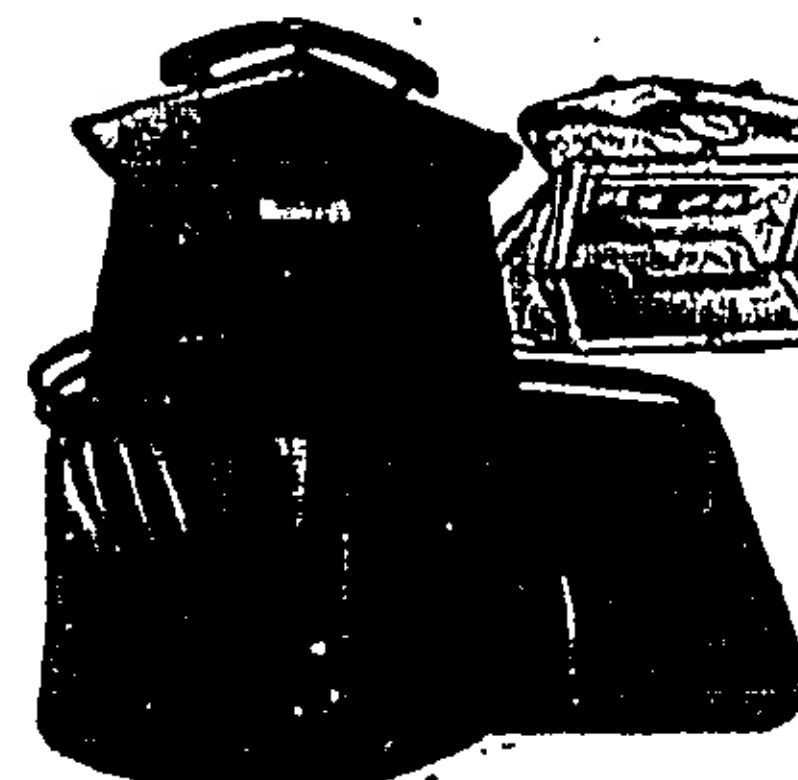
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AIR RAIDS PRECAUTIONS Opposition Questions Measures

LONDON, Dec. 22.
THE ADVANTAGES of the measures advocated by Sir John Anderson with regard to national defence and air raid precautions in the House of Commons yesterday, were called into question to-day on the motion for the adjournment.

Mr. Arthur Henderson (Lab.) questioning Anderson's experience, urged a deep tunnelling system under the streets, with tunnels 45 feet deep. Viscount Wolmer expressed disappointment that no provision was made to use concrete instead of steel sheets which had created enormous casualties in Barcelona. Anderson said he had now adopted a system of underground shelters made of reinforced concrete. One advantage of underground tunnels was that they served in peace time as a solution of London's traffic problem. Sir John Anderson thought that deep tunnels did not provide a sufficient quick means of shelter. The provision of concrete shelters, he said, was not ruled out.

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China Approaching 1939 With Confidence

LONDON, Dec. 22.
"CHINA APPROACHES the new year with confidence, based not only on the impregnable position of the National Government, our leader, and the valour of the Chinese people, but by virtue of increased international readiness to help China," said Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador to London, in an interview to-day.

The reasons for supporting China become daily more formidable through Japanese depredations of British interests, added the Ambassador. The United States, by granting China credit and borrowing facilities, underlined the spirit of financial co-operation, saying that this may well be only the beginning.

"I am gratified by the many indications, even definite steps, that Britain, with still more vital interests at stake than the United States, is now fully aroused to the menacing realities."

"Japan has over-reached herself so conspicuously that even the most hesitant British business interests realise that only by China's triumph can the legitimate Western interests survive in the Far East."

"Now at this Christmas season, every Chinese feels heartened and happier by this development, added to the constant British benefactions for Chinese sufferers in the devastated areas."

I am confident that the new year will mark a turn of the tide in China's favour.—Reuter.

JAPAN MAY RECALL AMBASSADOR

Resentment At Soviet
Attitude On Fisheries

TOKYO, Dec. 22.
JAPANESE RESENTMENT about the lack of conciliation on the Soviet side regarding renewal of the fisheries agreement is so strong that the recall of the Japanese Ambassador from Moscow, in case the negotiations fail completely, is believed not to be out of the question.

The "Kokumin Shinbun" claims that such a measure is being considered in Government quarters in order to stress the importance which Japan attributes to the protection of its fishing rights.

Ambassador Togo, following a conference between Premier Prince Konoye and other Ministers to-day, received a new set of instructions for immediate discussion with M. Litvinoff, the Soviet Foreign Minister.—Trans-Ocean.

Representation On Suez Canal Board

LONDON, Dec. 22.
The present national representation on the board of the Suez Canal Company is: French 10, British 10, Egyptian 2, Dutch 1, said the Secretary to the Treasury, Captain Euan Wallace, when questioned in the House of Commons to-day.

This representation compared with the previous Board comprising 20 Frenchmen, ten British, one Dutch and one German.—Reuter Special.

Goebbels Suffering With Influenza

Berlin, Dec. 22.
The Reich Minister of Propaganda, Dr. Josef Goebbels, is suffering from acute influenza, and will be confined to his bed for several days, it was announced here this evening.

He will therefore be unable to speak at the large Christmas festival planned for Friday evening, and will, instead, be represented by the Reich Commissioner for Winter Relief, Herr Hilgenfeldt.—Trans-Ocean.

Home Of 'Turn Again' Whittington Destroyed

LONDON, Dec. 22.
MANOR COTSWOLD, the residence of Sir Alan Anderson, M.P. for the City of London, was almost completely destroyed by fire to-day.

For centuries it was the home of the descendants of Dick Whittington.

The flames spread so quickly that Lady Anderson, who was trapped in her bedroom, only escaped by lowering herself from the bathroom window by a rope of knotted towels.

The Cheltenham fire brigade had a desperate struggle to reach the scene of the fire through a blinding rain-storm and had to be three times cut out of snow-drifts.—Reuter Special.

Chamberlain's Visit To Italian Capital

Rome, Dec. 22.
Mr. Neville Chamberlain's visit to Rome will be followed by a journey by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano to Belgrade, it is stated in diplomatic circles here.

It has already been announced that the trip of the Hungarian Foreign Minister to Rome will not take place until Count Ciano returns from Belgrade.

The Italian press has been stressing for some days past the desirability of closer relations between Budapest and Belgrade, and it is generally assumed that the visit of the two Foreign Ministers will be devoted largely to the realization of this aim.—Trans-Ocean.

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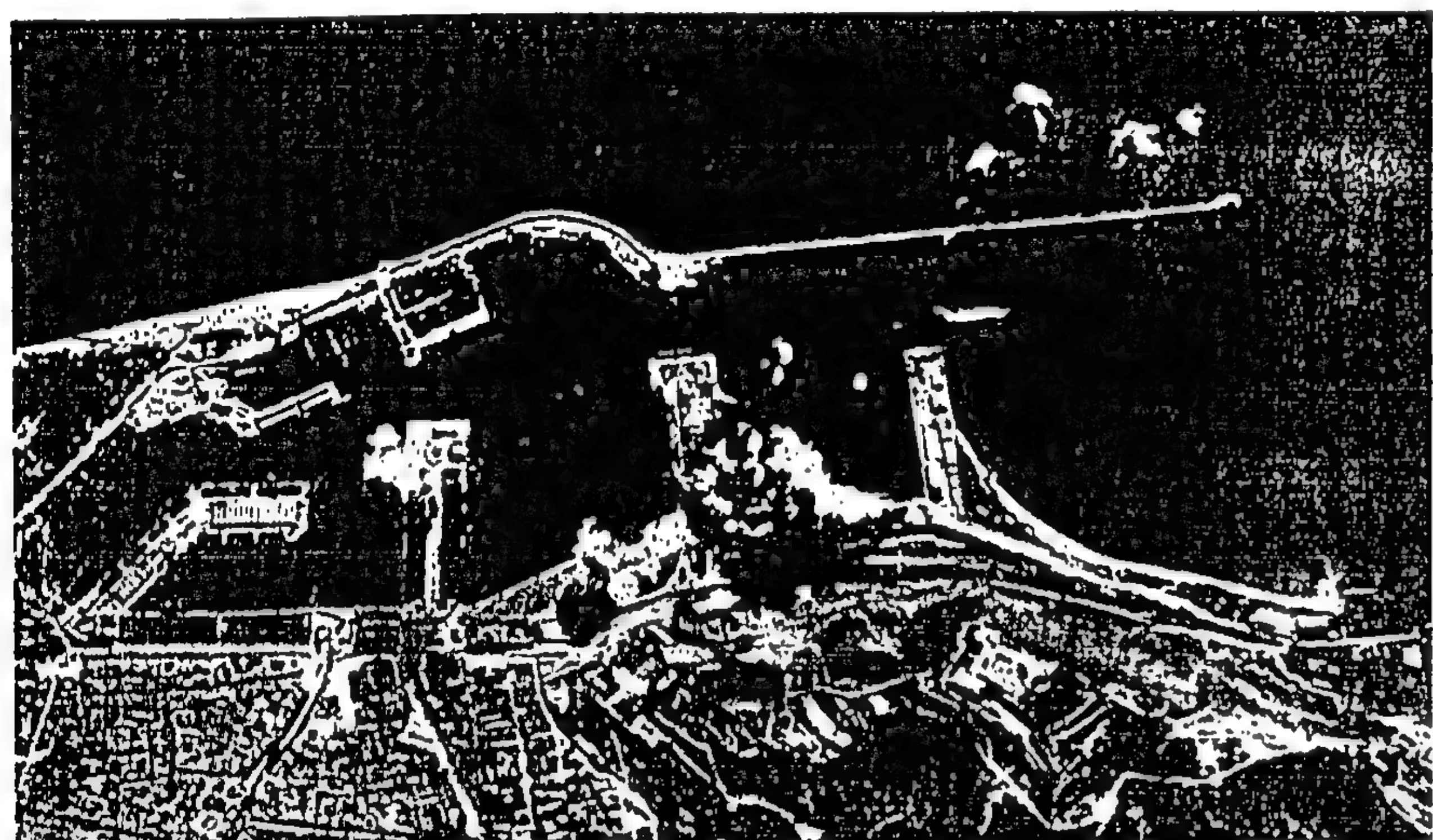
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COMMONS ATTACK ON DRUG POSITION IN FAR EAST



ATTACKED BY ITALIAN "Legionary" bombers, Barcelona, capital of Catalonia, photographed from one of the raiders, with bombs bursting on the quays and among shipping, and one ship making off to sea.

TOKYO PAPER DEMANDS RETURN OF H.K. TO CHINA

PARLEYS FOR PEACE RUMOURED

Wang Chung-hui Coming To Hongkong?

It is authoritatively learned that the high Chinese official who is visiting Hanoi is not Wang Chung-hui, but Wang Chung-hui, the Chinese Foreign Minister.

Dr. Wang Chung-hui is believed to have left Chungking by aeroplane on December 20, and is now staying strictly incognito in Hanoi. Reports were current in Hongkong this afternoon that the Chinese Foreign Minister will arrive here this afternoon or to-morrow.

A Shanghai report, received by the "Telegraph" late this afternoon, states that several high Japanese Government officials are also either in Hongkong or expected in the British Colony within the next 24 hours.

Efforts to obtain confirmation of this latter report are so far unavailing.

The Shanghai message indicates that the mission of the Japanese officials is in connection with the discussion of new peace terms with a Chinese Government envoy.

From other sources, the "Telegraph" learns that the purpose of Dr. Wang Chung-hui's visit to Hanoi has no connection whatever with reported "behind-the-scenes" peace moves. Dr. Wang is stated to have visited Hanoi in connection with the transport of motor-lorries and other materials to China through French Indo-China.

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED

Raw Recruits Perturb Wuhan Cities

HEAVY FIGHTING is reported to be raging south of Sianing, in east Shansi, where Chinese guerrillas intercepted a Japanese column marching from Kueicheng.

Meanwhile, Japanese attempts to cross the Fen River for a westward drive have so far been frustrated.

Isolated Japanese units which succeeded in crossing the river last week have, as a result of lack of support, been compelled to withdraw. Martial Law has been declared in Hankow, according to a United Press message, which states that there has been a general transfer of Japanese troops and personnel.

RECALLING THAT HONGKONG was ceded to Great Britain as a result of the "Inhuman" Opium War of 1841, the influential "Kokumin Shimbun" demands that Britain should be forced to withdraw west of the Arabian Sea.

"The British Colony of Hongkong has now been turned into a base for smuggling activities in South China," the newspaper asserts.

"There are no moral grounds whatever on which Britain can base any claims for retention of this important Chinese port. Less of all, has Britain any claims to what are known as the New Territories."

"If the present situation is allowed to continue without being remedied, the demand will eventually be made that Britain should abandon Hongkong and Singapore and withdraw its garrisons from India."

"The exploitation of these centres of the Orient has compromised the cause of lasting peace in Asia."

The "Kokumin Shimbun" is not alone in its attack on Britain. The "Nichi-Nichi" predicts that the recent British and American loans to China will be followed by "more bluff," economic pressure and propaganda against Japan in an attempt to create an international situation which will compel Japan to yield.

The "Nichi-Nichi" instances the rumour of an inevitable outbreak of war between Japan and the Soviet Union in April next year which, it claims originated in London, and is a "typical case of British propaganda against Japan."—Reuter and "Telegraph" Special.

S.O.S. FOR DONORS OF BLOOD

Medical Department Seeks Volunteers

VOLUNTEER ORDERS issued by the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps this afternoon revealed that the Hon. Director of Medical Services, Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, has issued an appeal for volunteers to build up in Hongkong a panel of blood donors whose services would be available if needed in the Colony.

Dr. Selwyn-Clarke revealed to the "Telegraph" this afternoon that the Hongkong Police Department, University students, and St. John Ambulance Brigade had also been approached.

"We want as many volunteers as possible," Dr. Selwyn-Clarke told the "Telegraph." "A blood transfusion may well save a life at a critical stage," he added. "For instance, in an accident, an injured person often suffers from excessive loss of blood. Then there is need for an immediate blood transfusion."

"Pernicious anaemia, which is fairly common in this part of the world, also requires blood transfusion." Dr. Selwyn-Clarke does not wish to confine volunteers to the organisations already approached, but invites any person to hand in their names.

FOUR GROUPS

Blood is divided into four groups called Group 1, Group 2, Group 3 and Group 4. Group 1 is the universal recipients group, which means that persons whose blood belongs to this group can receive blood from any group.

Group 4 is the universal donors group and members of this group can give blood to anyone. Even though a Group 4 donor offers his blood for a transfusion further tests must be made.

In the first place the donor's blood should be free from any disease. Then a sample of the donor's blood is taken through a little pipette and is put into the centrifugal machine where it is whirled around at speed until the blood is reduced to a colourless fluid.

MICROSCOPE TEST

A sample of this fluid is tested under the microscope with a similar (Continued on Page 9.)

3,000 Dens In Colony, Speaker Alleges

LONDON, Dec. 22. LIEUT.-COMMANDER R. T. H. FLETCHER (Lab.) raised matters in the House of Commons to-day on a motion for the Christmas adjournment arising from the report of the advisory committee on drugs at Geneva.

He reviewed the proceedings there, and asked what was the "vigorous action" being taken by the British Government in accordance with a resolution regarding the drug traffic passed at Geneva, which reiterated that the situation in China was deteriorating under Japanese influence.

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher referred to the situation in Hongkong, where the local Government was unable to cope with the drug traffic.

He said there were over 3,000 heroin dens in Hongkong, and over 300,000 opium and heroin pills were consumed there daily, and there were 40,000 opium addicts.

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher mentioned Russell Pasha's report, and said: "His allegations are in respect to the drug traffic in areas under direct and indirect Japanese control."

JAPAN UNDOING GOOD WORK

The speaker charged Japan with undoing the League's good work and of fostering illicit drug traffic throughout the world as an instrument of policy to promote the degradation of the Chinese. If those charges were true, he would like to ask the House how far we could call Japan a civilised nation.

He had never had a very great admiration for the British slogan that trade follows the flag, but he preferred it to the Japanese slogan that drugs follow the flag.

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher quoted reported facts and figures in the course of a scathing indictment of Japan in connection with drugs. Mr. R. A. Butler, replying, gave the House information derived by the Government from various parts of the Far East.

One very serious feature of the growth of the traffic was the growth in the use of heroin, which was far more serious to use than opium—itsself a terrible gripping vice.

After referring to the steps now being taken by the British and Japanese authorities in mutually communicating information regarding the proceedings and movements of persons known to be engaged in the illicit traffic, Mr. Butler said that although it might not give an immediate solution to a grave problem, it at least meant that we were in close touch with the representatives of Japan, and that thus we were able to illustrate the gravity we attached to the matter.

NOT DELIBERATE

Reviewing the position, Mr. Butler said that from information in the possession of Viscount Halifax, there was no evidence that the increase in drug traffic in China was the outcome of any deliberate plan on the part of the Italian Government, or that it (Continued on Page 9.)

INSKIP OUT OF GOVT., SAYS REPORT

LONDON, Dec. 22. SIR THOMAS INSKIP, Minister for the Co-Ordination of National Defence, has tendered his resignation to Mr. Chamberlain, according to the London "Evening News."

The Premier has refused to accept the resignation.

A statement from official quarters regarding Sir Thomas Inskip's intention to resign has not yet been made.

According to the "Evening News," Sir Thomas offered his resignation to the Premier in order to facilitate the eventual re-organisation of the Cabinet. —Trans-Ocean.

ZBW Spelling Bee

Majors And Minors Fell By Wayside

WHO SAID anything about the decadence—nice word, that, it was used last night—of youth?

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Irascibility

Machination

Miscellany

Dissidence

Disipience

Aesthethicism

Dissymmetry

IS SOMEONE'S FACE RED?

One of the words given in last night's Spelling Bee at ZBW was "Disipience," meaning "a trifling matter." This is how ZBW spell it!

Unemployed Invade Grill Room At Ritz

London, Dec. 22. About fifty members of the Unemployed Workers Movement, including three women, walked into the grill-room of the exclusive Ritz Hotel in Piccadilly and asked to be served with tea, stating that they were willing to pay.

They were told they could not be served and the police were called.

While awaiting the arrival of the police, the unemployed made speeches demanding winter relief and special consideration at Christmas.

After a few minutes' discussion with the police, the demonstrators agreed to leave and walked out in a body, crying their slogan "We want winter relief!" and unfurled placards. The demonstrators then paraded in Piccadilly shouting their slogans.—Reuter Special.

Italy And France Withdraw Agents

Paris, Dec. 22. As a reprisal for the expulsion from Italy of M. Audisio, Agent-General for the French Literary Association, the French Government has announced the expulsion of Signor Gerald, the representative of the Italian Literary Association in France. —Reuter Special.

PLEDGE BY KOREANS TO GOVERNMENT

CHUNGKING, Dec. 22. THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S PARTY has issued the following message to the Chinese people, pledging support for the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and China's resistance to Japanese invasion:

"It is more than sixteen months now since China began to fight her war of resistance against the invasion of the Japanese militarists.

"The entire Chinese army and people, under the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang, fighting with undaunted spirit, have not only smashed the Japanese

military's dream of a 'quick war,' but have also been able to take offensive measures, and achieved results in prolonged warfare.

"Japan has sent more than one million troops to China, invading from south and north and east with all her might.

"Innumerable cities have been destroyed by Japanese vandalism. But the opposition she met has greatly tired her, and she is now on the verge of collapse. Now mired deep in the interior, she will be soon forced disadvantageously to fight decisive battles in mountainous regions.

"On China's part, her resistance is for national existence. Under such circumstances, the greater sacrifices she makes, the stronger will be her will to resist. With the entire nation determined to fight to the last, it is certain that the final victory will be hers, and the two main objects, namely, enemy-resistance (Continued on Page 9.)

LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

NAVAL REVIEW IN H.K. Commander-in-Chief to Take Salute

THE ANNUAL INSPECTION of the Royal Naval and Royal Marine landing parties by the Commander-in-Chief, His Excellency Sir Percy Noble, will take place at Happy Valley on January 4, at 10 a.m.

Three seamen battalions and one Royal Marines battalion, comprising approximately 1,000 officers and men, will be on parade under Capt. E. J. P. Brind, of H.M.S. Birmingham.

The ships taking part are H.M.S. Kent, H.M.S. Cardiff, H.M.S. Birmingham, H.M.S. Medway and Submarine, H.M.S. Eagle, and 8th Destroyer Flotilla, besides Royal Marines.

The Commander-in-Chief will arrive at the racecourse at 10 a.m. and inspect the Brigade in line. The Brigade will then march past in

column followed by a march past in close column, after which they will form a hollow square in front of the saluting base and be addressed by the Commander-in-Chief.

At the conclusion of the inspection, which will be at 10.45 a.m., the Commander-in-Chief, who will be mounted, will head the column off and proceed to another saluting base in Fenwick Street, Wanchai, where the Brigade will march past.

Rehearsals are being held in connection with the inspection, and a full dress rehearsal will take place on January 3.

U.S. Sharply Rejects Strong Nazi Protest

BERLIN, Dec. 22. THE GERMAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES in Washington has made a demarche to Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, energetically protesting against the speech delivered by Mr. Harold Ickes on December 18, in the course of which he hotly criticised Fascism, Nazism and the European dictators.

In an inspired statement to the foreign press, the Charge d'Affaires described Mr. Ickes' remarks as "vulgar, invective, and defamatory declarations."

Well-informed circles consider the incident of Mr. Harold Ickes, whose anti-German speech has called forth an official demarche, merely as one of a series of events during the past few days exemplifying the stiffening of the American policy against the anti-Communist Powers, the other indications being the credits extended to China, and the food to be sent to Spain.

It is recognised that if all the members of the Cabinet expressed themselves as freely as Mr. Ickes habitually does, the Government would be embarrassed, but Mr. Ickes has a special position of being the "whipping boy" for Ickes Administration, often saying about what other eminent members must reserve for their intimates.

Hence the Administration can turn over an apology to the Reich without hypocrisy. Moreover, members of the State Department are thoroughly irritated by what they regard as the attempted sabotage of the Lima conference by totalitarian emissaries, and are not in a mood to conciliate those who are believed to be guilty of provocation elsewhere.—Reuter.

U.S. WON'T APOLOGISE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. Mr. Sumner Welles disclosed today that the United States had rejected Germany's demand for an official apology for the speech delivered by Mr. Harold Ickes on December 18, in which he denounced Fascism as a "crueller, if more refined, voodooism," and an ever-present threat to the United States, France and England.

Mr. Welles' statement to the German Charge d'Affaires, Dr. Thomsen, was couched in strong and uncompromising terms, which the United States rarely uses in diplomatic discussions with a friendly Government. The exchanges have brought an exchange (Continued on Page 4.)

FAREWELL LETTER BY FINANCIER

Blackmail And Wall Street Plunder

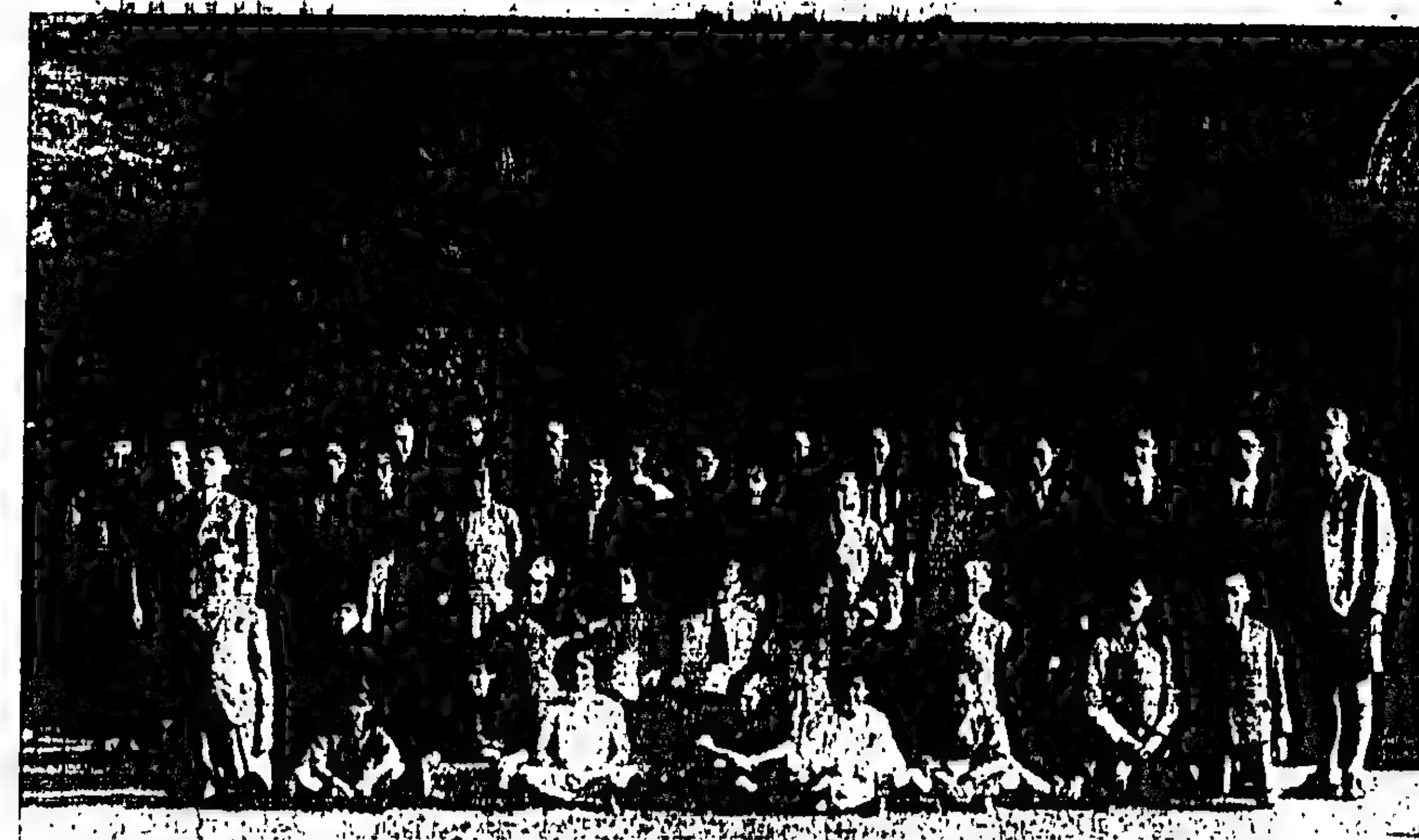
NEW YORK, Dec. 22. "AS GOD IS my judge, I am the victim of a Wall Street plunder and blackmail in a struggle for honest existence," concludes a note by Coster-Musica, written on the night before his suicide. The note was discovered and made public by his lawyer.

The note exonerated his wife and brothers from any blame, saying: "my poor loving wife was ignorant of conditions," and that his brothers merely acted on his instructions because they believed it to be right, and trusted him.

Coster (whose real name is Musien) declared: "Bankers, lawyers, auditors, appraisers and incompetent high-salaried executives have bled McKesson, Robbins white."

The note said that the company should have been in the receivership's hands in 1930 and again in 1932 if its profits had not been hoarded in a frantic effort to save it.

The letter denied that narcotics and alcohol were involved in his deals, and declared: "I have not tried to run the company or the stockholders. Instead, I am a ruined man through the treachery of legal intrigues. Nobody has worked harder and received less pay to make something out of work for the interests of all."



Mrs. C. I. Standish's pupils photographed at their recent annual piano recital.—Ming Yuen.

School's Air Defence Squadron

LATIMER Upper School, Hammersmith, is the first school in the country to form an Air Defence Cadet Squadron. The Air League of the British Empire aims to raise such cadet units in every town of 40,000 or more inhabitants, and cadets receive spare time training in aviation subjects.

Mr. F. Wilkinson, the headmaster, said: "The unit will be self-supporting and it will have the backing of the whole school."

The acting United States attorney, Mr. Noonan said that the Federal authorities had evidence that at least eight people, who knew Coster in the early days as an ex-convict, had profited financially from that knowledge.—Reuter.

Girl Conscious Again After 100 Days

AFTER being unconscious for more than 100 days, Miss Jenny Aitken has recovered consciousness and has been moved from hospital at Leven (Fife) to a nursing home.

Saves Babies

The difficulty of carrying out blood transfusions on very young children has been solved.

An apparatus has been designed by a member of the medical staff at the Royal Waterloo Hospital, and installed there, which makes it possible to give transfusions to babies only a few hours old.

The importance of the discovery is emphasised by the fact that there has recently been considerable mortality among London children from what has been called "summer sickness," though the complaint is not confined to any one season.

Where blood transfusion could be carried out the baby's life was almost invariably saved.

Her condition, however, is still serious.

The girl, an Anstruther bus conductor, fell from a bus as it was being driven through Leven, and received severe head injuries.

PARENTS' VIGIL

Her father and mother and other members of the family visited the hospital daily and kept vigil at the girl's bedside.

Her 28th birthday was celebrated while she lay unconscious. Last year a London woman was unconscious for 135 days after falling from the roof of an Oxford Street store.

The new apparatus, is so simple that it can be got into action in three minutes, and all the parts that need sterilising could be packed in a half-pint mug.

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 0138—Oh, They're Mighty Tough in the West. F.T.
 0084—Have You Anything on To-night Matilda Darling. Le Touquet.
 9042—Massed Bands of the Guards. G/S. Chole Boy. F.T.
 8801—Madam Ah La Marquise. Ah! F.T.
 8700—I'm Nuts About Serey Music. F.T.
 8722—She Shall Have Music. F.T.
 F162—Gonna Wed That Gal o' Mine. F.T.
 F163—Mommy, I Don't Want to Go to Bed. W. EDDIE CARROLL'S ORCH.
 F164—He Wrote Her a Woe. C.W.
 F165—We're Gonna Have Smooth Sailing. F.T.
 F166—Lookie, Lookie, Here Comes Cookie. F.T.
 F167—My Heart is an Open Book. F.T.
 F168—Algeron Willesmoop. F.T.
 F169—When It's Thursday Night. F.T.
 F170—You're the Top. S.F.T.
 F171—I Get a Kick out of You. F.T.
 F172—Yes Suhl! Q.S.
 F173—Wabash Blues. F.T.
 F174—Hot Lips. F.T.
 F175—Blow Gabriel, Blow. F.T.
 F176—Swinging to Those Lies.
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China Advised Not To Accept Peace Terms

"Would Be Worst Possible Thing"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. THE China Information Service, which is an unofficial American organization, made a statement to-day that China's greatest danger at present is an appeal by Occidental friends that she accept a peace which Japan desires.

It said that only one thing could now defeat China and that is, "persistent persuasion of Western governments, notably Great Britain and the United States."

After Hankow, China can lose little which Japan would be sure to attempt to take. Contrarily, Japan, will welcome peace because she is embroiled beyond expectations. It suggested that Great Britain may attempt to induce China to accept peace in accordance with the British policy of "peace at any price"; and opined that the United States Administration, with a general desire for peace everywhere, and a policy of moral admonition without responsibility, is likely to support Great Britain.

It added, "All peace lovers, especially churches, will speed to add their persuasion, preferring any kind of peace to a continuance of the conflict. China, if she hesitates, will then be placed in the position of blocking peace, which all the world desires. . . such a peace would be the worst possible outcome for China and for the ultimate peace of the world and justice."—United Press.

I. R. A. Leaders In Belfast Round-Up

Belfast, Dec. 22. It is officially stated that in an all-night round-up, the authorities arrested 34 leaders and members of the Irish Republican Army on charges of plotting violence, and allegedly planning to attack prominent citizens and property during "the Christmas and New Year periods."—United Press.

Empire Air Mail Disorganised

London, Dec. 22. Imperial Airways announce the severe weather in Western Europe and the Mediterranean, and the frozen intermediate ports of call in Central France have necessitated an interruption of air services, and therefore there will be some delay in mails to and from the Empire.—Reuter Special.

Japanese Warships Disabled

CHUNGSIANG,

Hupei, Dec. 23.

It is ascertained that two Japanese warships were disabled when a squadron of Chinese aircraft raided a concentration of enemy vessels in the Yangtze River at Anking, capital of Anhwei.—Central News.

Tientsin Situation Heightens

Tientsin, Dec. 22.

The situation arising from the search measures taken by the Japanese on the borders of the foreign concessions, though considerably improved in the past few days, has deteriorated somewhat in several instances.

A stiffer attitude appeared to have been assumed yesterday towards foreigners proceeding to the Country Club, and taxis without passengers were stopped.

In one case two foreigners were refused permission to cross the international bridge, despite the fact that they possessed Japanese passes, and also showed their passports.

When, after a lengthy argument, they attempted to proceed, they were marched to the police station and detained in prison cells for two hours.—Reuter.

Viscount Halifax For Geneva

London, Dec. 22.

Lord Halifax will represent Great Britain at the next meeting of the League Council at Geneva on January 10. The foreign secretary will be accompanied by Mr. R. A. Butler.—British Wireless.

Amnesty Granted

Berlin, Dec. 22.

An agreement has been reached between the delegates of the German and Czechoslovak governments declaring a general amnesty for inhabitants on the frontier regions, according to the German news agency.—Reuter Special.

LONDON BEGINS TO THAW

But Many Parts Of Britain Are Still Snow Bound

London, Dec. 22.

London experienced a thaw this afternoon after the severe cold of the last few days and snow has now disappeared from the streets, but further north snow was still falling to-day and many villages on the Lincolnshire wolds were completely isolated and in Yorkshire, many of the roads are impassable.

With relief from the frost, south-east Essex this afternoon found its transport difficulties renewed by the descent of a very dense fog. Visibility in the Thames estuary was so reduced as seriously to embarrass shipping.

Three Imperial Airways Empire flying boats with nine tons of Christmas mail are weatherbound at Southampton.—British Wireless.

HEAVY FALLS OF SNOW IN FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 22.

France is being badly hit by the spell of excessively cold weather, accompanied in some parts of the country by heavy falls of snow. Some remarkable weather varieties were reported this morning. Whereas many places on the west coast were colder than Iceland, with the temperature falling to 18 degrees below zero, Celsius, Marseilles and other places on the south coast were experiencing mild spring-like weather.

At Marseilles itself the temperature this morning was eleven degrees above zero.

Heavy falls of snow especially in northern and eastern parts of the country have greatly dislocated the communications.

One effect of the excessive cold was to cause the steel bridge over the Seine to contract to such an extent that roadways became dangerous. Other bridges had to be closed to the traffic.

DISTRICTS ISOLATED

Many country districts have been completely isolated and serious shortage of supplies especially of coal is reported.

Another effect of the cold is to force up the prices on Paris food markets.

Blocks of ice have formed on the River Loire, and a huge ice barrier below Tours is threatening to bring about a collapse of the new bridge across the river. Attempts are being made to break up the ice barrier by means of dynamite charges, but without success. If the barrier continues to grow in size it will be subjected to bombardment by 3.7 c.m. guns and by handgrenades.

Calais was one of the coldest cities in France. The spray was freezing as it fell on the harbour walls.—Trans-Ocean.

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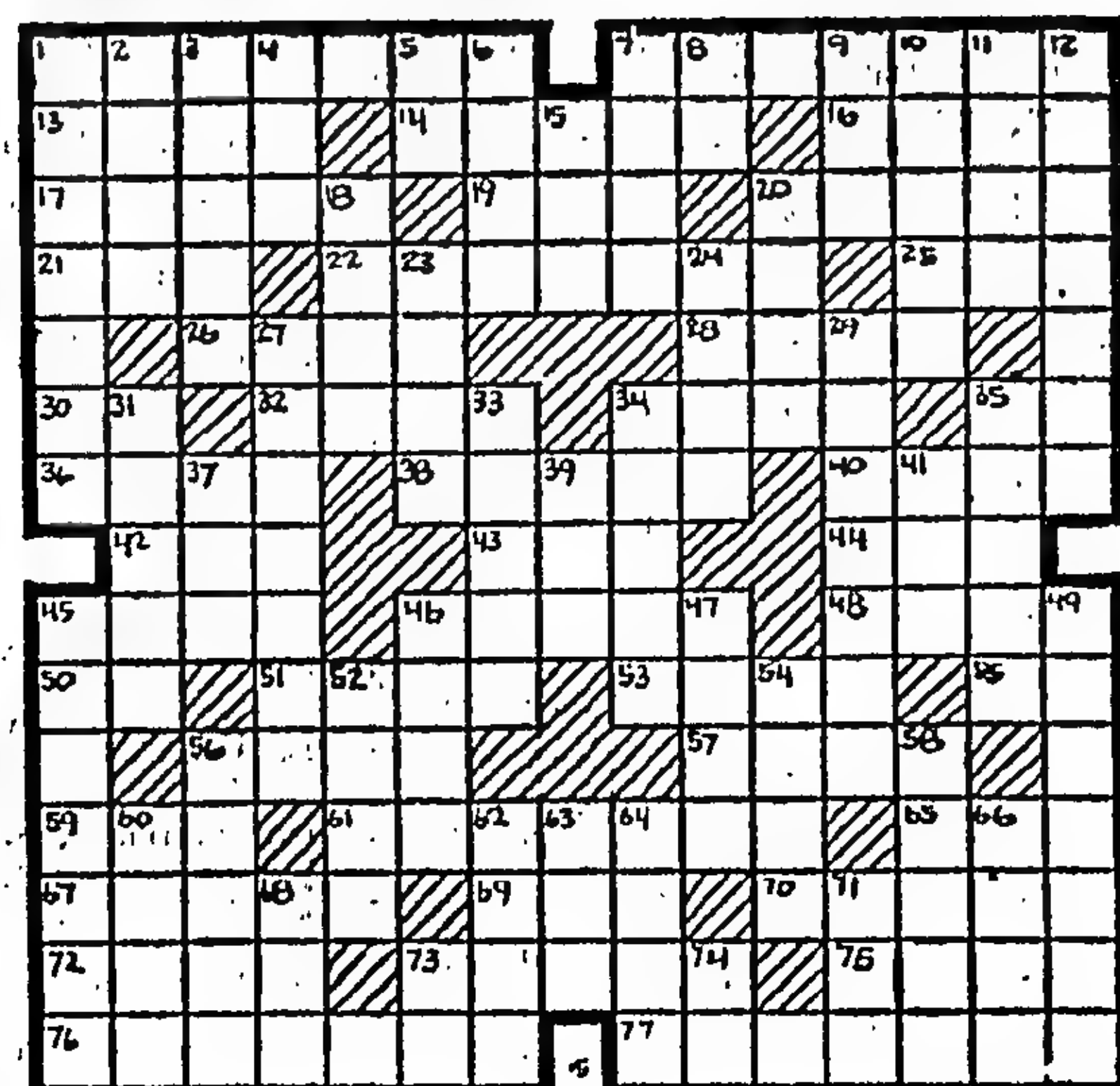
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- One of romance languages
- Exotic mammal
- Cousin of rabbit
- Perilous foot to
- Unit of surface
- Unit of time
- Civil War general
- Exotic mammal
- Palace
- Part of radio
- Resolving system
- Produce with difficulty
- Painful
- In the beginning
- Forward
- Humorous
- Item
- Twenty-two events
- Cut off closely
- Trivalent
- Litral beam
- Hearing organ
- Wormlike
- Fall
- Day on month
- Type of potato
- Part of circum
- Reference
- Editor (abbr.)
- Holler
- Performer
- This boy
- Body of land surrounded by water
- Soft parts of nose
- Unit of resistance
- Olives native to
- Shining object
- Long
- Writing hand
- Collection of clans

DOWN

- Kind of paint
- Secret Indian language
- First sign of sodas
- Quart
- At all events
- Shop
- Carriage
- Under name of
- First night time of sunset
- Mileage
- Disaster
- Use eyes
- Merrit
- Device for moving
- Ride
- Require
- How-like birds
- Person in charge of domestic affairs of ship
- Walk on
- Make menaces
- Squatters between thumb and forefinger
- Prized
- Grass
- Wrath
- Perfect score
- Endow
- Drink excessively
- Article of furniture
- Orion
- License
- Grass
- At this place
- Small bottle
- Inner particulars
- Olive oblique position
- Wind instrument
- Straight piece of wood
- Piece of cloth
- Fruit: good
- Note of scale



SEASON'S FESTIVITIES

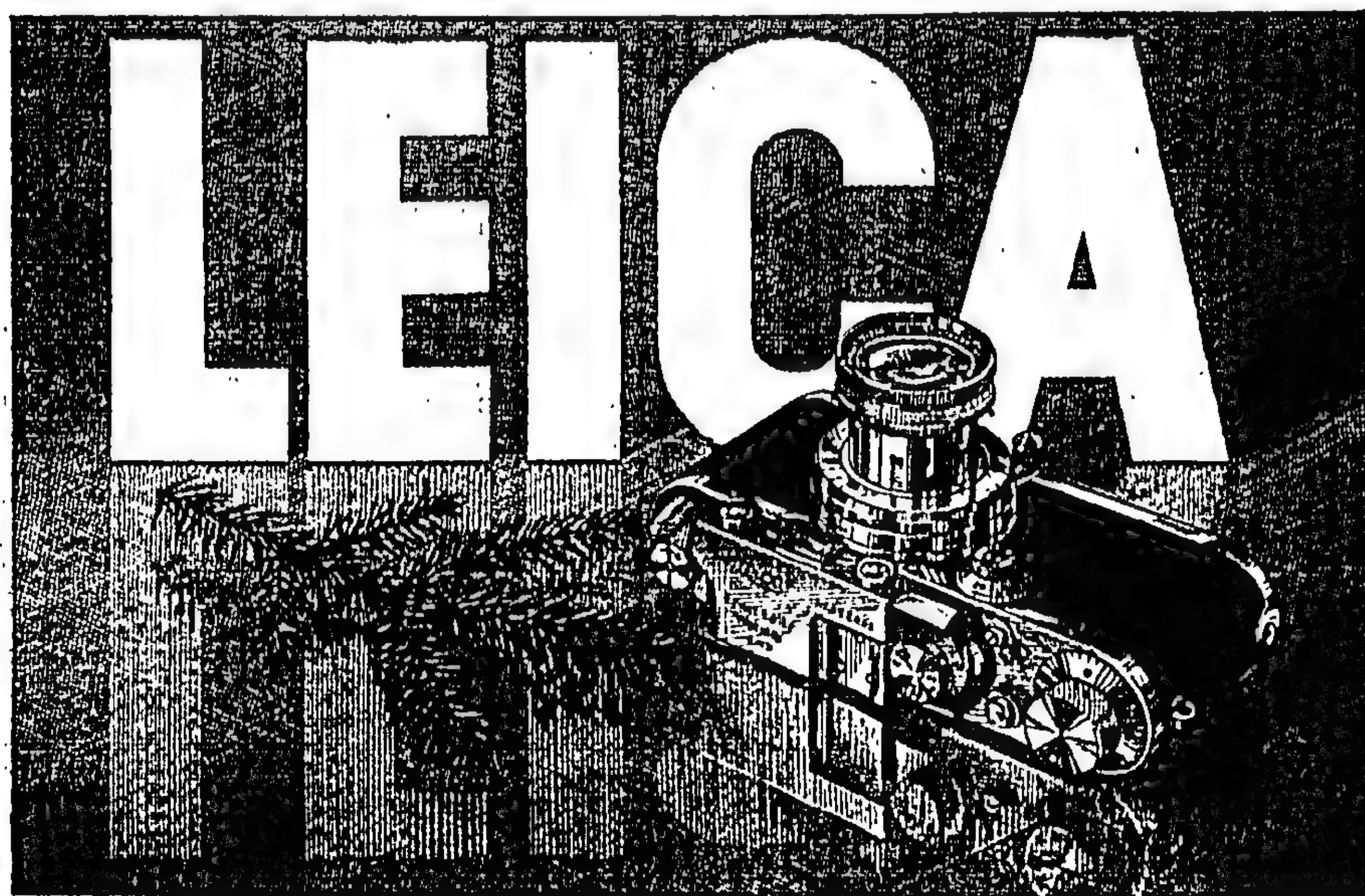
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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS
H.K. Bank, 1,380 s.
H.K. Bank, Lon. 2, 81 n.
Chartered, 1, 0 1/4 n.
Merrill, A. & B. 2, 27 1/2 n.
Merrill, C. 2, 13 n.
East Asia, 88 n.

INSURANCES
Canton, 205 n.
Union, 485 n.
China Underwriters, 70 s.
H.K. Fire, 182 n.

SHIPPING
Douglas, \$0 1/2 b.
Steamboats, \$10 n.
Indo-Chinas, P. \$80 n.
Indo-Chinas, D. \$24 n.
Shell Bearers, \$0 7 1/2 n.
Waterboats, \$9 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves, \$115 b.
Docks (old), \$18 1/2 b.
Docks (new), \$17 1/2 b.
Providents (old), \$6 1/2 b.
Providents (new), \$5 1/2 b.
New Eng. Sh., \$5 60 n.
Sh. Docks, Sh., \$100 n.
Kallan, \$17 0 n.
Rauba, \$9 35 n.
Venz, Goldfield, \$3 n.
Hongkong Mines, 1 1/2 cts. n.

MINING
Antamok, 50 s.
Atok, 24 1/2 s.
Baguio Gold, 23 s.
Benguet Con., 12 80 s.
Coco Grove, 51 s.
Con. Mines, 27 1/2 s.
I.L.K., 27 1/2 s.
Gumau, 1 1/2 s.
San Mauricio, 1 1/2 s.
Suyoc Con., 20 s.
Paracale, 4 s.

LANDS
Hotels, 6 3/4 n.
Lands, 30 s.
Lands, 107 1/2 n.
Sh. Lands, \$0 1/4 n.
Humphreys, \$0 s.
H.K. Realities, \$5 b.
Chinese Estates, \$90 n.

UTILITIES
Tram, \$17 b.
Peak Tram (old), \$0 5/4 n.
Peak Tram (new), \$2 1/4 n.
Star Ferry, \$7 1/2 n.
Y. Ferry (old), \$22 3/4 s.
Y. Ferry (new), \$22 3/4 s.
China Light ex. div., \$9 80 n.
H.K. Electric, \$17 1/2 s.
Sundakan Lights, \$10 3/4 s.
Telephone (old), \$23 s.
Telephone (new), \$8 60 n.
Tractions, 21 3/4 n.
Singapore Pref., 25 1/2 n.

INDUSTRIAL
Cald. Macg. (ord.), \$14 n.
Cald. Macg. (pre.), \$13 n.
Canton Iron, \$170 n.
Cementa, 16 1/2 s.
Ropes, \$4 25 n.

STORES, &c.
Dairy Farms, \$24 50 s.
Watsons, \$7 45 b.
Crawfords, \$9 s.
Sincere, \$2 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$30 n.
Powell, Ltd., 90 n.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo Cotton Ex. rt. Sh., 10 1/4 n.
Shal Cotton Sh., 10 1/4 n.
Zong Sings, Sh., 24 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh., 40 n.

MISC.
H.K. Entertainment, \$0 3/4 b.
Constructions, \$1 1/4 s.
Vibro Piling, \$0 3/4 b.
Ch. Govt. 9% 1925, 10 1/2 n.
G.S. Bonds, 75 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan, 9 1/2 p.m. b.
H.K. Govt. 5 1/2% par b.
Marsmans (Lomb.), 15 3/4 b.
Marsmans (H.K.), 9 1/2 n.

MANILA SHARES
The following quotations were received after the close of the morning session through Reuters:

Business Done Prices in Pases
Dec. 22, Dec. 23.
Antamok, 20, 45 1/2
Atok, 25, 25 1/2
Baguio Gold, 23, 23 1/2
Benguet Con., 12 80, 12 80
Coco Grove, 51, 51
Consolidated Mines, 15 3/4, 15 3/4
Demonstration, 27 1/2, 27 1/2
I.L.K., 27 1/2, 27 1/2

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Monday and Tuesday, the 26th and 27th December, 1938. (Christmas Holidays).
Hongkong, 21st December, 1938.

CROWN LIFE INSURANCE CO. TORONTO-CANADA.

Effective 15th December, 1938, and by mutual arrangement, Messrs. Gilman & Co. Ltd., have relinquished The Crown China Agency and Messrs. Thomson & Co., Chartered Accountants, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, Hong Kong, are authorised to accept premiums and issue receipts to policy holders of Crown Life Insurance Co.

Clients are therefore requested to make their deposits or payments direct to Messrs. Thomson & Co. only, at the above address.

J. H. UNDERWOOD,
Manager for China.

ST. ANDREW'S BALL

For the convenience of Members and Guests of St. Andrew's Society attending the Ball to be held this evening, a special 5 minute service of Star Ferries will run between 9 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. and a special service from Kowloon to Hong Kong will run every 15 minutes between midnight and 1 a.m. and every half hour thereafter until 3 a.m. The Vehicular Ferry Service will be extended until 2 a.m.

The first Supper will be served at 11.15 o'clock p.m. (approx.) and all those desiring to participate therein should be seated in good time before this hour. No reservation of Supper Tables may be made.

Members and Guests are requested to note particularly that **ADMISSION TO THE BALL WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY AND THAT THESE CANNOT BE OBTAINED AT THE DOOR OF THE HOTEL.**

Entrance to the Hotel will be by the Main Doors, Salisbury Road, only.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Steamship "JEAN LABORDE"

Bringing Cargo from Marseilles via Saigon, etc., arrived Hongkong on Friday, 23rd December, 1938. Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before 3rd January, 1939, or they will not be recognized. Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.0 a.m. on Thursday, 29th December, 1938.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,
Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1938.

Air Mail Service Across Atlantic

Washington, Dec. 22. The United States civil aeronautics authority stated today that it was engaged with discussions with the State Department and other Government agencies for "looking toward the early establishment of the trans-Atlantic air services."

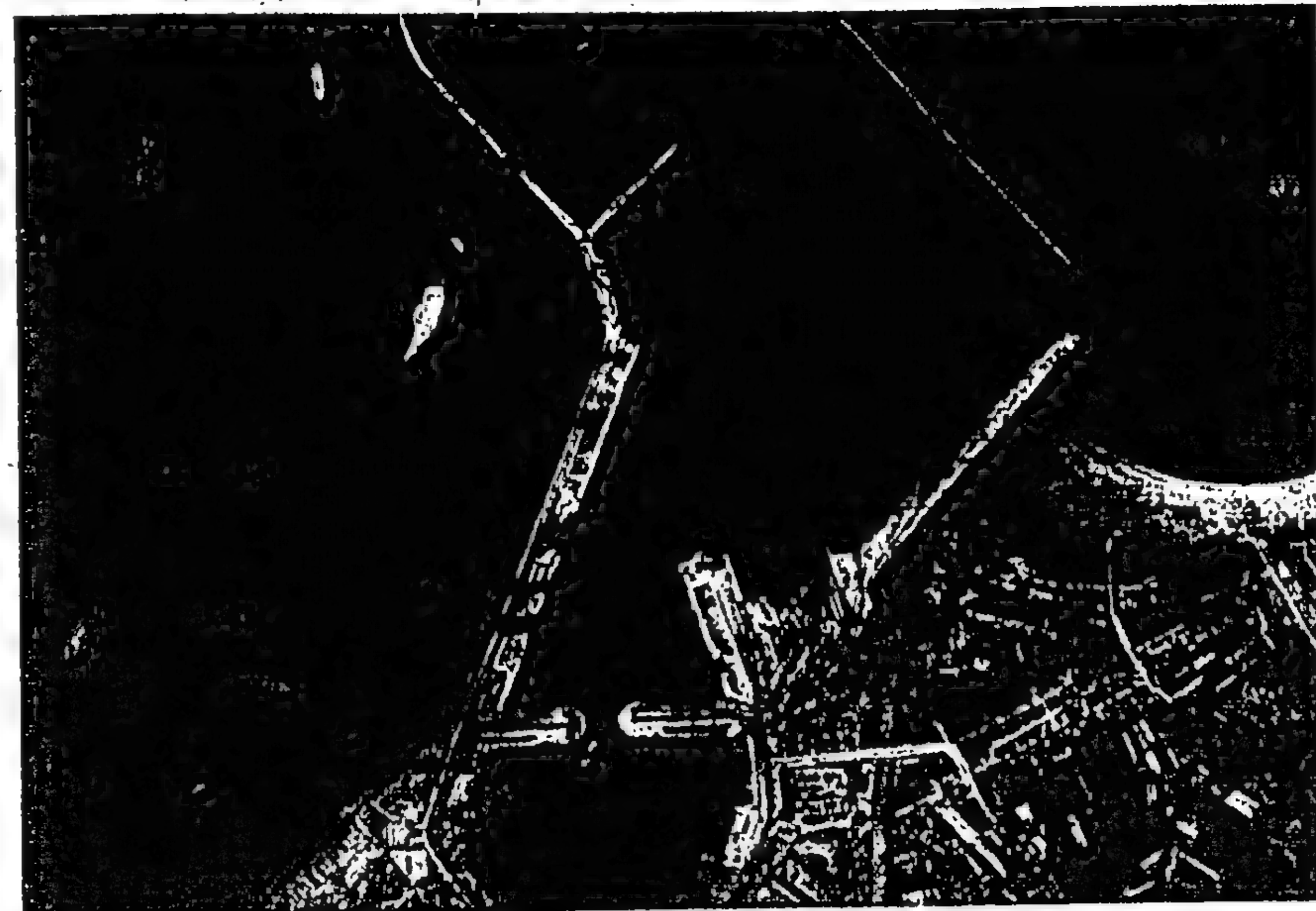
It added that lawyers for Imperial Airways had filed an application with the authority for a permit to inaugurate a trans-Atlantic service.

The application was referred to the Company's London officials for execution, and cannot receive final consideration until this, and other technical requirements had been fulfilled.—Reuter.

The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:

The Manila market was steady with prices generally higher. However, Antamok and Suyoc both had losses of 1/4 centavo, while United Paracale lost 2 centavos. Demaguet Consolidated was up 40 centavos. Yesterday's Gold Share average was 107.85 and the volume of business done was P850,000.

DRAMATIC PICTURE OF RAID ON VALENCIA



REMARKABLE picture showing Valencia harbour being bombed by "Legionary" planes, with the bombs seen actually in the air. Such raids on Valencia have been common during the past 18 months.

REMARKABLE ALLEGATION OF FRENCH INTERVENTION IS MADE BY FRANCO

FORMER EDITOR RETURNS

Mr. F. L. Pratt Back
in Colony After
30 Years

A former Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph, Mr. F. L. Pratt, has returned to the Colony after an absence of approximately thirty years. He expresses himself as amazed at the growth of Victoria and Kowloon, and particularly marked the disappearance of former landmarks such as Morrison Hill.

Before becoming associated with the Far Eastern press, Mr. Pratt was special correspondent of the "Sydney Morning Herald" in the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-05. Of late years he has not been actively engaged in journalism, though he is still China correspondent of the London Chamber of Commerce Journal. He joined the China Publishing Company when it was founded in Shanghai some years ago, and is now President of the concern. It may be remembered that this company produced a biography of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the British Empire rights of which were bought by Hurs & Blackett, Ltd., a London publishing house. Besides ordinary publication work, the China Publishing Company is interested in Chinese art productions.

N.Y.K. Godown Burnt Out

Shanghai, Dec. 23. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha godown, packed with cotton, oil and matches, caught fire last evening and burned for four hours.
The total loss is estimated at \$100,000.—United Press.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1s. 3 1/2
Demand	1s. 3 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	172 Nom.
T.T. Japan	108 1/2
T.T. India	83
T.T. U.S.A.	28 1/2
T.T. Manila	58
T.T. Batavia	53 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon	109
T.T. France	109 1/2
T.T. Germany	127 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	127 1/2
T.T. Australia	17 1/2

BUYING	
4 m/s L/c London	1 3/4
4 m/s D/p do.	1 3/8 1/2
4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	29 1/2
4 m/s France	11 1/2
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in Lon.	4.65%

LONDON, Dec. 22. ALLEGATIONS that French sources supplied torpedoes, anti-aircraft projectiles and other ammunition to the Spanish Loyalist destroyer, Jose Luiz-diez, now undergoing repairs in Gibraltar, are made in a note the Franco Government has sent to Britain.

The note declares that the munitions were conveyed in lighters sent to Gibraltar on the pretext of raising the destroyer's bows, and it asserts that the destroyer's crew was supplemented with French sailors from French destroyers, while it had been intended to protect the destroyer's departure with units from the French fleet.

The note concludes denouncing the "flagrant violation of the non-intervention agreement."—Reuter.

FRANCO TO FEED STARVING

Henadye, Dec. 22. It was reported to-night at the border that there has been a round-up of hundreds of persons after the discovery of espionage rings in both Loyalist and insurgent Spain, and that many would be forced to face firing squads.

It is reported that General Franco ordered nearly 1,000 arrests in an effort to smash the spy plot, which Loyalist and insurgent Spain, and that many would be forced to face firing squads.

The Loyalist radio station at Barcelona announced at the same time that "several hundred" arrests were made after the discovery of espionage and defeatist plots in Barcelona, Madrid and Valencia.

It is reported that General Franco's agents have acquired control of milk, flour, and fuel supplies for the suffering population, who are near starvation.

Continued dissension in the insurgent ranks who are massed in north Spain for the long-heralded winter offensive is reported. Also that military and diplomatic information has been escaping through the tightly held border.

ITALIAN SOLDIERS HANGED

One source said that 45 Italian soldiers had been waylaid and hanged by insurgents whose enmity toward Italy-German "interference" in Spanish affairs is increasing. Another said that 100 spies and plotters had been executed in a single batch about one week ago.

General Franco's Mission in France admitted that stern measures had been taken to stamp out the espionage plot, discovered when a frontier guard at Irun searched the diplomatic pouches of the British Vice-Consul, Mr. Harold Goodman, last Friday, and found a report from Loyalist spies.—United Press.

Iraq Exiles Five Opposition Chiefs

Baghdad, Dec. 22. The Iraq Government today exiled five persons, including one former Prime Minister, to the interior of the country.

A number of opposition leaders were exiled to the same place several days ago.

The Government has thus taken up the fight against the opposition, which chiefly consists of former parties hostile to the present Government.—Trans-Ocean.

Funds To Aid Chinese Science Study

British Government
Makes Remittance

Chungking, Dec. 23. The Board of Trustees for the Administration of the Boxer Indemnity Fund remitted by the British Government has made plans for sending three investigation groups into far-off Chinese provinces.

One group will cover Szechwan and Sikong, another to northwestern provinces of Chinghai, Ninghsia and Kansu and the third to the southwestern provinces of Kwichow, Kwangsi and Yunnan.

Each group will be composed of 30 members and will be divided into five sections, geology, physics and chemistry, economy, social science, and agriculture and forestry. The investigators will be drafted from university graduates.

Budget for each group is temporarily set at \$50,000.

Besides the investigation groups, the Board will also provide for 125 research assistants to be placed in the various universities. They will work in the laboratories.

Material help given by the Board for China's scientific studies includes also monthly subsidies to about 200 research fellows for the study of various natural and social science problems since the summer of 1938.

A number of specialists, holding foreign scholastic degrees, are being benefited by this arrangement in continuing their researches which were interrupted by the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

The Kansu Science Institute is also maintained by the Board. This institute concentrates its efforts on the advancement of scientific studies and activities in China's northwest, and on modernisation of the province in collaboration with the provincial authorities.—Central News.

Thermometer Jumps Back Again

Yesterday's Minimum
Temperature 63

The sharp fall in temperature on Wednesday, was succeeded yesterday by an almost equally sharp rise when the minimum during the 24 hours period rose from 59 to 63. However, the maximum recording was one degree below the maximum registered during Wednesday, 68 being the highest for the day.

At 10 o'clock this morning the thermometer had risen to 69, with humidity at 71 per cent.

The Royal Observatory weather report issued this morning stated that the anti-cyclone, which remains of moderate intensity, is stationary over North China, and the depression has moved into the Pacific to the north-east of Hokkaido.

Local forecast is: North-east winds, fresh; cloudy generally.

NOTICE

For the convenience of Christmas Shoppers, business hours of the undermentioned Stores will be as follows:—

DECEMBER 21st From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
" 22nd From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
" 23rd From 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
" 24th From 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

On Christmas Day all our Stores will be closed, but will be RE-OPEN on December 26th As Usual.

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RETALIATION AGAINST FOREIGN CREDITS TO CHINA

PEIPING, Dec. 22. THE FIRST retaliatory blow against the British and American credits to China may emerge from the United Council of the Provisional Governments of Peiping and Nanking, which opened to-day.

The agenda includes the cotton trade in North China, control of export trade generally, customs matters, the latter embracing a possible upward revision of tariffs, especially affecting imports from countries other than Japan, and luxuries like wine, spirits and tobacco.

British and American enterprises would be seriously affected thereby. The United Council is not considering the formation of a Federal Government.

It is believed that Japanese military authorities have found it necessary to postpone the idea indefinitely owing to the complete failure to persuade any of the necessary personnel to emerge under their banner.—Reuter.

GOODS FOR CHINESE TIED-UP AT HANOI

Chungking, Dec. 22. The Szechuan Pacification Commission, Mr. Teng Hsi-hou, conferred with the French Consul at Chungking in an effort to straighten out the Indo-China tie-up.

No war shipments have been received in China since December 18. While it was originally reported that shipments were held up by Indo-China authorities, possibly due to Japanese pressure, it is now learned that the mix-up is due entirely to the flood of goods concentrated at Hanoi and Haiphong.—United Press.

CHINESE SUFFERING FROM LACK OF TRANSPORT MEANS

Tokyo, Dec. 23. The congestion of freight is so heavy in Yunnanfu, capital of Yunnan Province, that even theatres are commandeered for storage of the accumulating freight since early December, a press message from Hanoi says.

Quoting a traveller who has just arrived in Yunnanfu from Kunming, the message says that the mails which have been accumulated in Yunnanfu totalled 4,000 tons.

The message attributes the congestion of freight to the failure of import of motor-lorries from abroad. The Chiang Kai-shek regime originally planned to import 8,000 motor-lorries from abroad following the fall of Canton and the Wuhan cities.

Actually, however, monthly imports of motor-lorries through French Indo-China average only 100 in number.

The message adds that transit of one train-load of goods to Yunnan requires three days due to the lack of motor-lorries and other means of transport.—Domei.

U.S. SHARPLY REJECTS STRONG NAZI PROTEST

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Extremely sharp and new strain on German-American relations.

Mr. Welles told Dr. Thomsen that Germany's request came with singularly ill-grace and impropriety from a Government which so persistently permitted its controlled press and officials to attack American leaders, including President Wilson and President Roosevelt, and present members of the Cabinet.

He advised Dr. Thomsen that Mr. Ickes' remarks represented the feeling of an overwhelming majority of the American people, and said that the recent policy of Germany had shocked and confounded public opinion in the United States more profoundly than anything that had occurred in many decades.

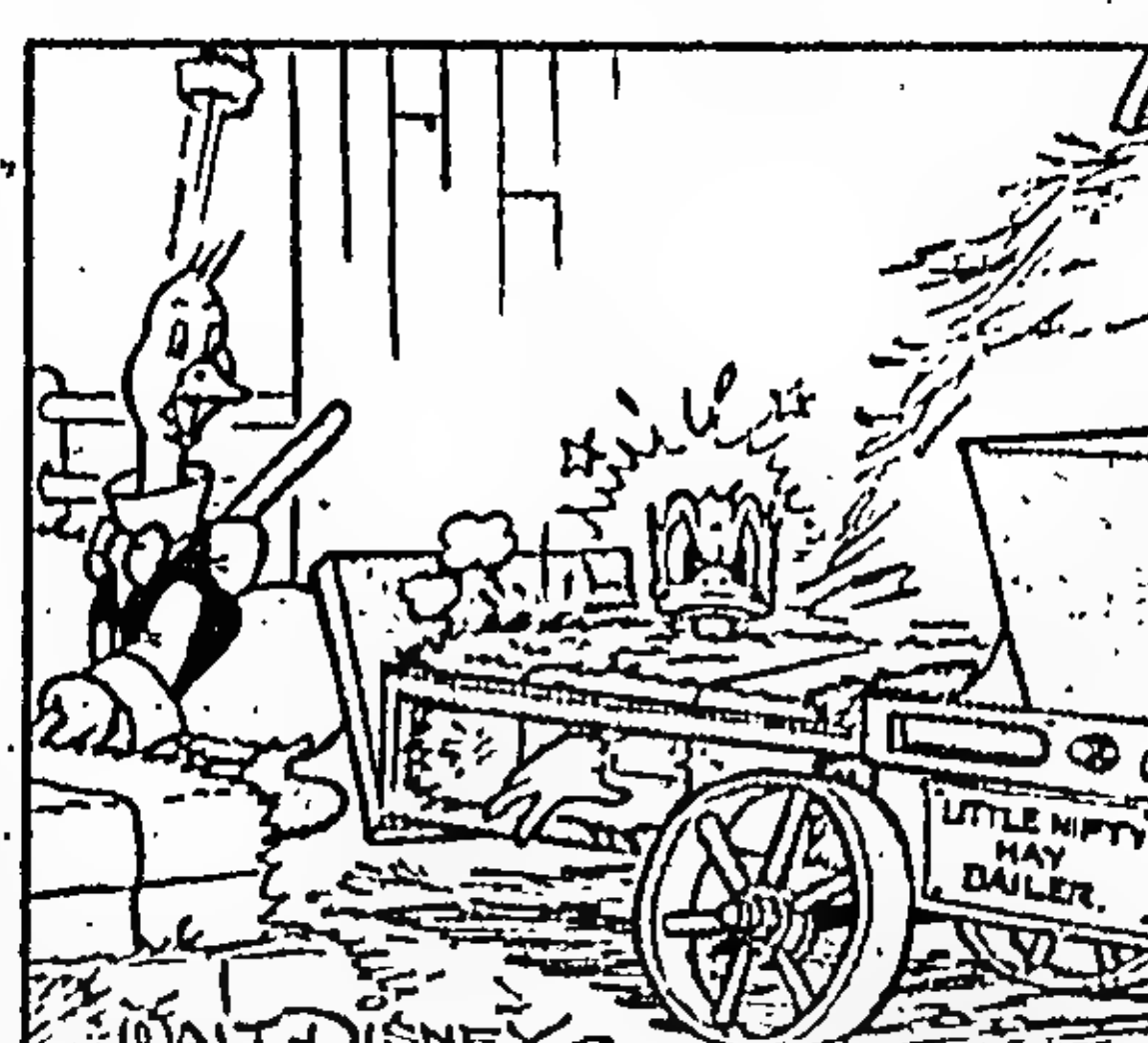
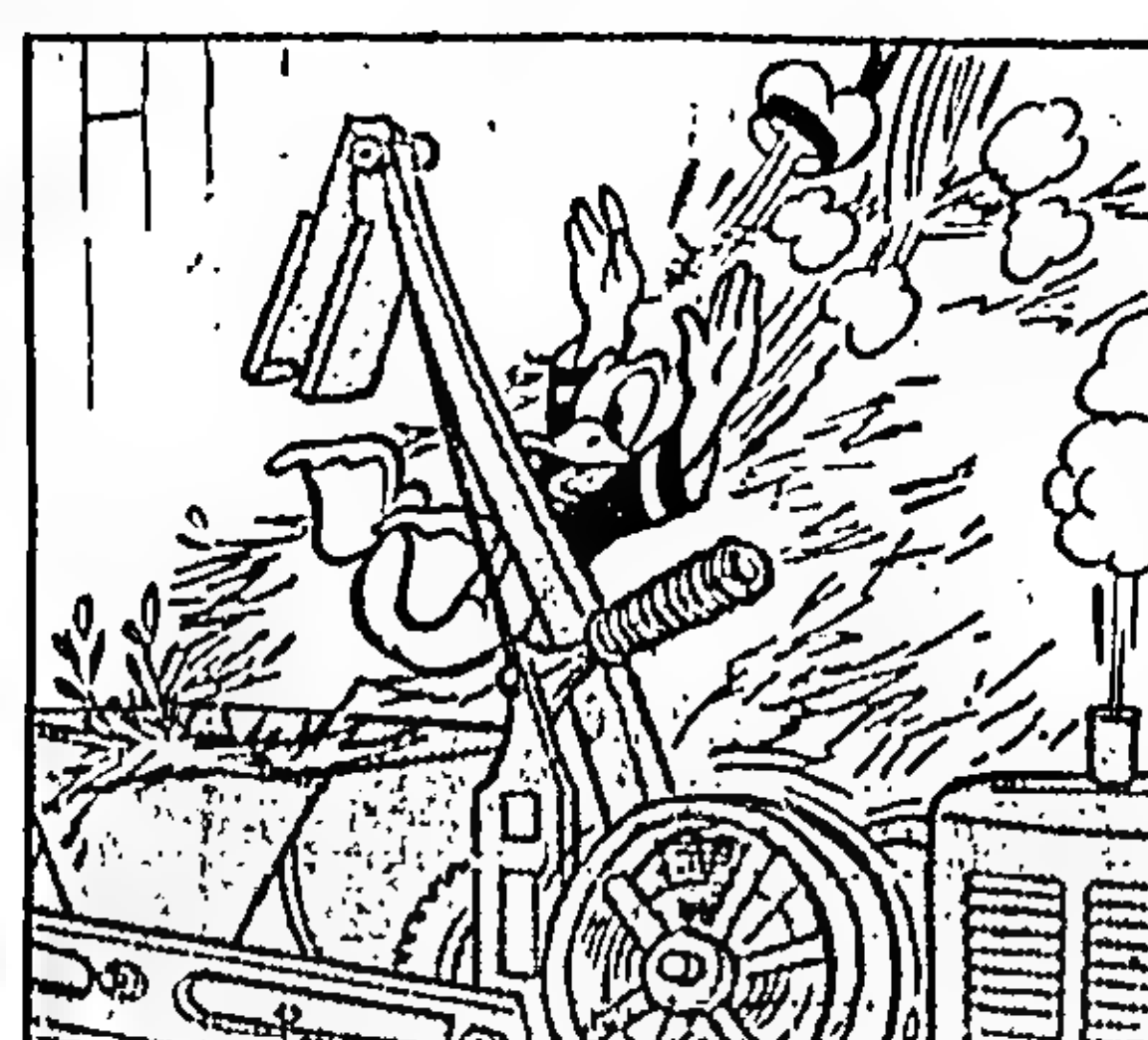
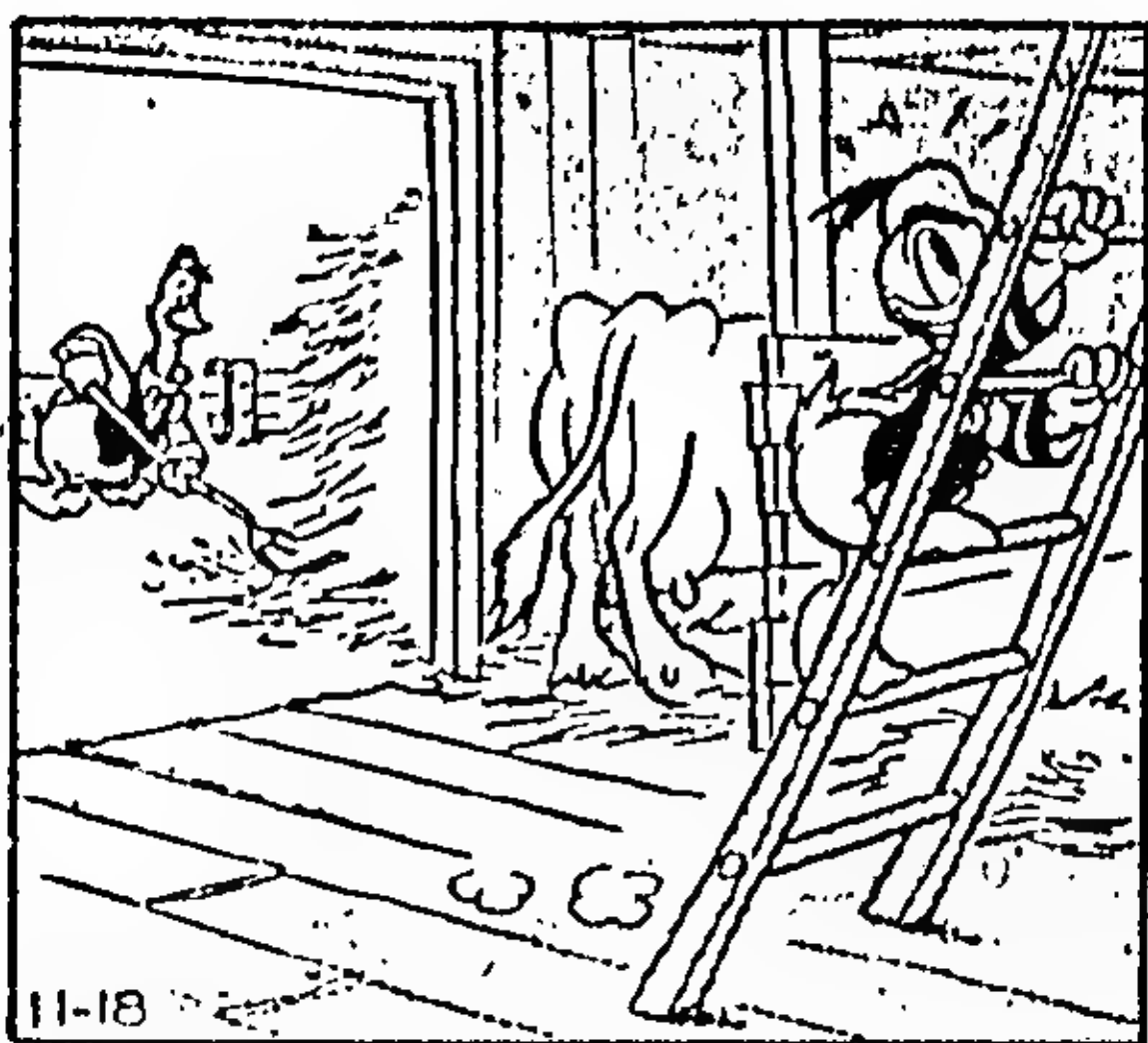
He warned Dr. Thomsen that expressions of public indignation such as that voiced by Mr. Ickes were inevitable, and that Mr. Ickes' criticism of Mr. Henry Ford and Colonel Lindbergh was purely a question in which Germany could have no concern whatever, and which he could not discuss.

As long as German attacks on American officials continued, the German Government had no right to suppose attacks of the same character would not continue.—Reuter.

Wed at Police Station

TURLOCK, Cal. Love laughed, it not with locksmiths, at least with turnkeys when Marion Olds and Miss Kathryn Martin were married at police headquarters. Deak Sergeant David C. Peters, a retired clergyman, officiated, while Chief of Police E. W. Grady was one of the witnesses.

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ST. Andrew's Ball, the most important social event of Hongkong's "season", and traditionally the biggest annual occasion for fraternising between Scotsmen and their friends, will be held to-night at the Peninsula Hotel, and promises to be as always, a brilliant function.

Although certain disappointments have been experienced, including firstly the enforced postponement of the Ball from its original date owing to Court mourning, and secondly the unavoidable absence of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote and Lady Northcote, owing to the death of Lady Northcote's mother this week, the committee and its band of willing helpers have again excelled themselves in the arrangements.

The entrance to the Peninsula Hotel and the top floor, have been transformed for the occasion, the artistic decorations being highly effective.

The entire front of the hotel will be flood-lit and will render most striking the white statue of St. Andrew which is mounted on the fountain in the grounds of the hotel.

The ballroom has again been brilliantly and most tastefully decorated with thistles and the coats of arms and shields of the various clans. The official data bears the coat of arms of the Chief of the Clan (Mr. W. Kay), and on the opposite wall is the coat of arms of the Vice-President of the Society, to which the Vice-President of the Society belongs. The sides of the ballroom will be used for sitting out, and the walls will be decorated with thistles and Scottish pictures, handsomely painted. Not the least striking feature of the decorations is the crest of the Society and a picture of St. Andrew.

OFFICIAL PARTY

The programme includes the reception of the official guests who will be greeted at the entrance by the Chief and Mrs. Kay, who will participate in an official dinner party which will precede the official function.

Unfortunately, Brigadier-General E. R. Macnaghten and Mrs. Macnaghten, who were included in the party cannot attend, but those participating in the official dinner will be:

Lady Noble (with the Chief), H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble and Mrs. Kay, H.E. Major-General A. E. Grasset and Mrs. N. L. Smith, His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor and Mrs. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith and Mrs. Grasset, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mrs. G. D. R. Black, Col. V. R. Burkhardt and Lady Mac-

Gregor, Dr. G. D. R. Black and Mrs. A. S. MacKichan, Mr. A. S. MacKichan and Mrs. Shields, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields and Mrs. McDougall, Lieut.-Col. D. J. McDougall and Mrs. Burkhardt, Mr. E. S. Carter and Mrs. D. S. Robb, Mr. J. MacKichan and Mrs. V. Walker, Mr. D. H. Hazell and Mrs. Howard-Vyse, Mr. V. Walker and Miss Paterson, Lieut.-Comdr. P. H. Matheson and Miss Smith, Lieut. R. E. T. St. John and Miss Black, Mr. E. M. Bryden and Mrs. D. S. Robb.

STATE LANCERS

The Ball will open with the State Lancers, in which the official sets will be: The Chief and Lady Noble, Sir Percy Noble and Mrs. Kay, the Vice-President and Mrs. E. H. C. Dicken, Commodore E. B. C. Dicken and Mrs. A. S. MacKichan, Major-General A. E. Grasset and Mrs. G. D. R. Black, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith and Mrs. D. J. Gilmore, Dr. G. D. R. Black and Mrs. Grasset, Mr. A. S. MacKichan and Mrs. N. L. Smith.

THE WORKERS

The arrangements of the Ball have been in the hands of the General Committee of the Society with various sub-committees to take charge of the detailed organisation involved. These were:

General Committee—Mr. William Kay (President), Dr. G. D. R. Black, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. A. S. MacKichan, Mr. J. W. Anderson, Mr. H. E. Forsyth, Mr. D. J. Gilmore, Mr. J. F. MacGregor, Mr. R. K. M. Simpson, Mr. E. Wylie and Mr. E. M. Bryden and Mr. D. S. Robb, Joint Secretaries and Treasurers.

Invitation Committee—General Committee along with Mr. H. E. Forsyth (Convenor), Major G. P. Murray, Commander W. J. C. Robertson, Mr. E. L. Hsieh, Mr. J. H. Taggart, Mr. S. C. Williamson and Mr. R. Young, Finance and Music Committee—Mr. D. L. Prophet (Convenor), Mr. W. L. Alexander, Mr. R. H. Bell, Mr. A. N. Braudo, Mr. A. S. Forquhar, Mr. G. A. Lelper, Mr.

London's Trenches To Be Retained

LONDON, Dec. 22. IT has been decided with one or two exceptions, to retain in reconstructed form the trenches dug in the royal parks in London as an A.R.P. precaution during the emergency last September.—British Wireless.

Supper Room Committee—Mr. T. Parkinson (Convenor), Mr. J. B. Dunnett, Mr. W. L. Gilroy, Mr. G. Hill, Mr. J. R. Letich, Mr. A. Mack, Mr. A. McArthur, Mr. A. Macfarlane, Mr. D. McColligan, Mr. J. C. Polson, Mr. J. N. Sweeney, Mr. G. G. Stapan Thompson, Mr. A. D. Wylie and Mr. L. M. Wylie.

Honorary Pipers—Mr. W. C. K. Mackie (Convenor), Mr. A. Colquhoun, Mr. K. S. Morrison, Mr. G. Nibbet, Mr. H. C. Watson and Mr. P. D. Wilson.

DANCE PROGRAMME

The dance programme is: Extra Waltz—"Waltz of the Gypsies," Lancers—"Veronique," Fox Trot—"Lovelight and The Starlight," Eightsome Reel—"De 'il Among The Tailors," Eightsome Reel—"Miss MacLeod of Raasay," Eightsome Reel—"Highway to Linton," Waltz—"Will you Remember," Caledonians—"Bonnie Dundee," Caledonians—"The Muckin' o' Geordie's Byre," Caledonians—"Glennaruel Highlanders," Caledonians—"Pibroch o' Donald Dhu," Caledonians—"Kenneth's On and Awa," Fox Trot—"Remember Me," Strathpey & Reel—"Devil in The Kitchen," Strathpey & Reel—"Reel o' Tulloch," Slow Fox Trot—"Music Macra Pipers," Fox Trot—"I Wanna Go Back to Ball," Slow Fox Trot—"Thanks for the Memory," Fox Trot—"Says My Heart," Waltz—"Sympathy," Fox Trot—"Swingin' Annie," Dashing White Sergeant—"Corn Rize," Waltz—"Medley of Old Fashioned," Highland Scottish—"Orange and Blue," Highland Scottish—"The Rose Among The Heather," Fox Trot—"I'm Gonna Lock My Heart," Waltz—"De 'il Among The Tailors," Eightsome Reel—"Miss MacLeod of Raasay," Eightsome Reel—"Highway to Linton."

Government And The Unemployed

Sensitive To Their Tragic Plight

LONDON, Dec. 22. Mr. J. J. Lawson (Labour) raised the question of unemployment in the House of Commons adjournment debate and stressed the sapping of moral fibre, and the destruction of self-respect by long periods of involuntary idleness suffered in areas where unemployment was most severe.

Replying for the Government, Mr. Ernest Brown denied any lack of sensitiveness on the part of Ministers to the tragedy of unemployment, or any wish to deny deterioration in employment figures, which he thought was an inevitable consequence if there was a fall in the price level of primary commodities. At the same time, it was right to recognise there had been a great increase in the well-being of the people as a whole over past four years as a result of a fall in the cost of living, and that relief of the misfortunes of unemployment through an insurance scheme, public assistance, and general social services was on a scale not matched in any other country in the world.—British Wireless.

JAMES AGATE LIKES TO GET

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lady reasonably like Miss Mac West with a talent for closing one mascara'd eyelid and ejaculating a provocative "So what?"

LET me conclude with a word about Christmas cards. If anybody wants to send me one, let it not be a photograph of a distortion by Modigliani or Matisse. Send me, I pray you, a view of a country church half-buried in frosted snow through which villagers are making their way without disturbing the robin redbreasts hopping about the foreground.

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6.35 Record: Cinema Memories... Organ Solo by Quentin M. Maclean.

6.44 (a) Moonlight and Shadows, (b) Volga Boatman Swing, (c) Tonight we love, (d) Chin-Town. 7.00 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 A Spanish Programme including songs by Conchita Supervia and Albani Sulto Iberia.

Suite Iberia (Albeniz)... Madrid Symphony Orchestra cond. by Enrique Fernandez Arbes; Sanir Gitano (Merode Aquino-Munoz Arenillas); Un Barberillo Alegre (Medina-Villa-Prado)... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-soprano) with Orchestra; Danza Espanola—No. 6 (Granados)... Madrid Symphony Orchestra cond. by Enrique Fernandez Arbes; Goyescas—Intermezzo (Granados)... Pablo Casals (Cello) with Piano accomp. by N. Mednikoff; Lamento Borinense (Hernandez-arrito).... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-soprano) with Orchestra; La Rosa Oriental (Espigul)... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-soprano) with Orchestra.

7.40 Tino Rossi (Vocal) and Orchestra Mascotte.

Souvenir De Mona Lisa—Waltz (Schebek); Idylle Passionnelle—Waltz (Razigade)... Orchestra Mascotte; Il Existe Une Blonde (Gardoni—Chavot); Paname Ville D'Amour (Gardoni—Chavot).... Tino Rossi (Vocal) with Orchestra; The Last Letter—Waltz (Reggova); Twinkling Lights—Waltz Melodies (from Operetta "Der Obersteiger"... Orchestra Mascotte.

8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Next week's programme.

8.06 Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Patricia Rossborough, Harry Crouson, and Barnabas von Gezy and His Orchestra.

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Crouson (Organ) with Ken Beaumont (Vocal); Vocal—No Strings (from "Top Hat"); Isn't This A Lovely Day—(from "Top Hat")... Ginger Rogers with Victor Young and His Orchestra; Orch.—Southern Skies (Kunneke); Red Lips (Kotscher)... Barnabas von Gezy and His Orchestra; Vocal—Pick Yourself Up—Fox-Trot (from "Swing Time"); Never Gonna Dance (film "Swing Time")... Fred Astaire accomp. by Johnny Green's Orchestra with Johnny Green at the Piano; Piano—1 Dream Too Much—Selection; Limelight—Selection... Patricia Rossborough; Orch.—Free And Easy (Porschmann); Gipsy Wine (Ritter)... Barnabas von Gezy and His Orchestra; Vocal—Gertrude Lawrence Medley... Gertrude Lawrence (Soprano) with Orchestra; Orch.—Siciliana (Apollonio); Blue Skies (Ritter)... Barnabas von Gezy and His Orchestra; Organ and Piano—By The Waters Of Minnetonka (Laurance); Bird Songs At Eventide (Eric Coates)... H. Robinson, Cleaver and Patricia Rossborough.

9.0 London Relay—"Food for Thought."

Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.20 Three songs by Norman Allin (Bass).

When Song Is Sweet (Sana-Souci); Father O' Mine (Graves arr. Villiers Stanford); Rocked In The Cradle Of The Deep (Willard and Knight).... with Orchestra.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Bocherini—Concerto In B Flat Major.

Pau Casals (Cello) and The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.

10.15 London Relay—"Under The Red Duster."

Life in the Mercantile Marine. A dramatized sound-picture of life in the British Mercantile Marine, composed of real-life stories by working seamen. Produced by Laurence Gilliam.

11.0 Close Down.

WANG CHING-WEI IN CHUNGKING

Mr. T. V. Soong, the prominent Chinese statesman who has been residing in the Colony, stated last night that the press report on Mr. Wang Ching-wei's arrival in Hanol from Chungking by plane on Monday was groundless.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Vice-President of the Kuomintang and concurrently Chairman of the Central Political Council, was seen in Chungking on Wednesday, it is learned from good authority, planning to hold a memorial service for the late General Chiang Kai-shek.

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Japan	Tusima Maru	December 24.
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Francisco, date 2nd, December	President Taft	December 25.
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OUTWARD MAILS

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Friday		
Manila and Naples—due Naples, Conte-		
14th January 1939.	Blancamano Fri., Dec. 23, 4.30 p.m.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and Corfu	Fri., Dec. 23.	
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and Europe via Marseilles—due	Parcels, Dec. 23, 5 p.m.	
Marseilles, 20th January, 1939.	Reg., Dec. 24, 9.45 a.m.	
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Saturday		
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via Thursday Island—due Thurs-	K.P.O. and G.P.O.	
day Island, 5th January, 1939.	Reg., Dec. 24, 9.15 a.m.	
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—due Marseilles, 8th January.	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	
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Saigon	Marchal Joffre	
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Amoy and Shanghai	Suiyang	Sat., Dec. 24, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anhui	Sat., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
Sunday		
Swatow and Shanghai	Sinkiang	Sun., Dec. 25, 8.30 a.m.
Tientsin	Kwaisang	Sun., Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
Manila	President Taft	Sun., Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Imperial Airways Plane Mon, Dec. 26.		
Direct Service"—due London,	K.P.O.	
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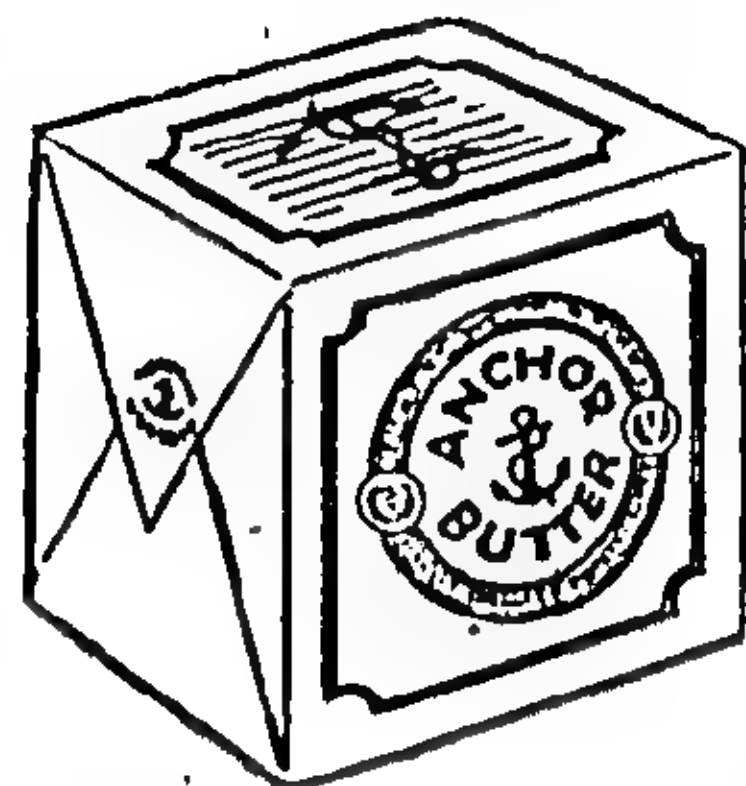
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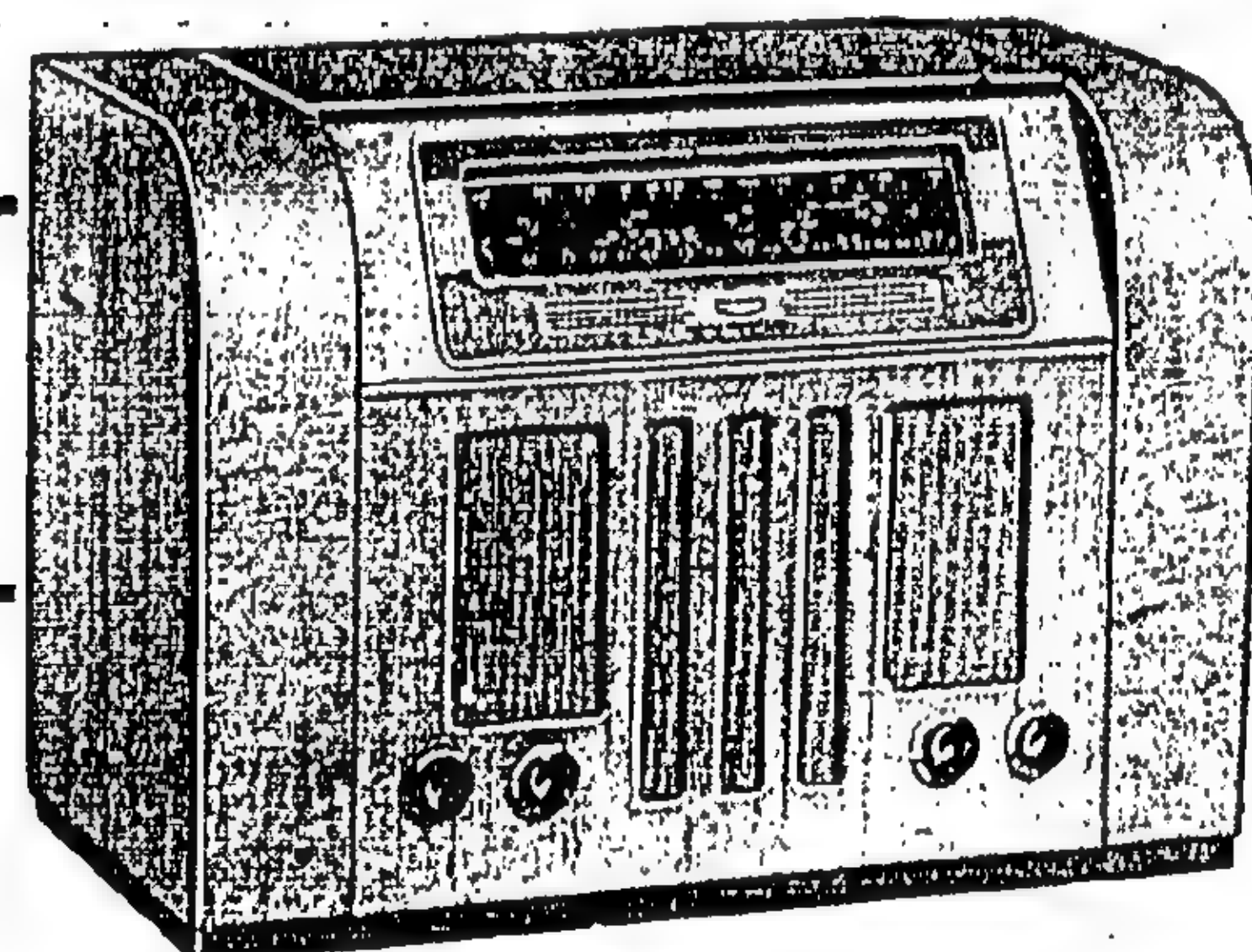
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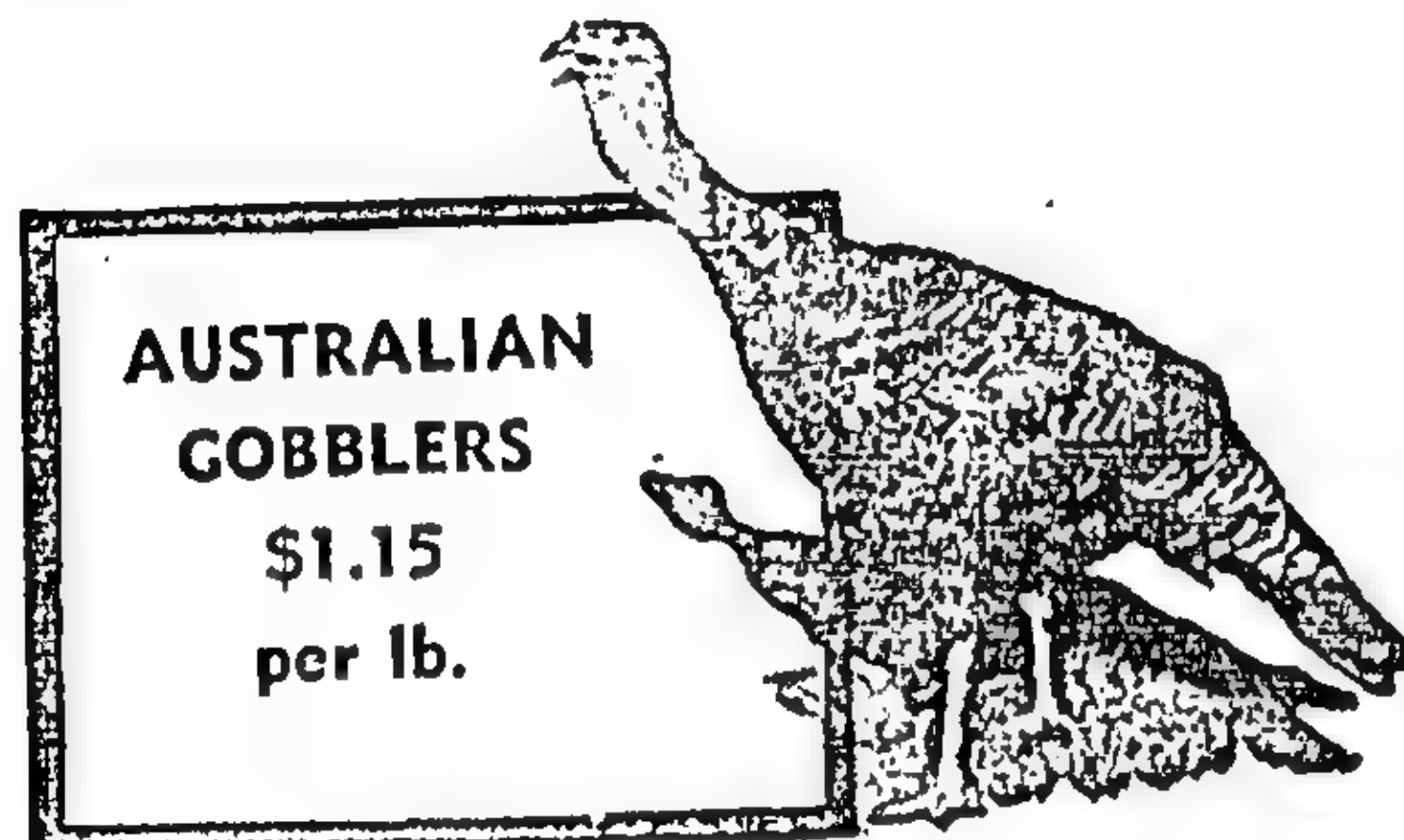
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The collection provided an unequalled historical record of motoring's early days.

TREE GREW IN IT

Doyen of these veterans was a Cannstatt Daimler of 1894, the first vehicle to secure a licence for public hire in London.

Many of the "old crocks" had been rescued from chicken-runs, barns and scrap-heaps.

One was found in a field with a tree growing through it. The tree had to be cut down before the car could be removed.

In spite of the dull weather, a large crowd watched the start in Hyde Park and cheered the cars as they left the starting-post, without one failure.

Hundreds of modern cars lined the roadway, bright and luxurious compared with the early pioneers, over many of which were umbrellas to shelter their drivers from the rain. Captain G. E. T. Eyston drove a 1903 Mercedes, and received a special cheer as he left the starting line.

Kaye Don was at the wheel of a De Dion Bouton of the same year.

In pouring rain another large crowd greeted the arrivals at Brighton and watched them parade along the front.

SPEED LIMIT

Gold medals were presented by the Mayor of Brighton (Councillor J. Nanson) to the 93 successful drivers. Speed limits from 10 to 18 m.p.h. were imposed according to the age of the cars, and special awards were given to the winners of each group. These winners were: E. L. Wood (1898 Leon-Bollee); F. S. Rowden (1898 Star); J. Swift (1901 Panhard); F. W. Hutton-Stott, Jun. (1903 Lanchester).

Auto "Victim" Disappears

Louisville, Ky.
Miss Peggy Hennings reported to police that she struck a woman with her automobile but could not find the "victim" when she stopped a few feet away. She said a man who witnessed the accident told her to drive on—that the woman was a friend of his who didn't want any publicity.

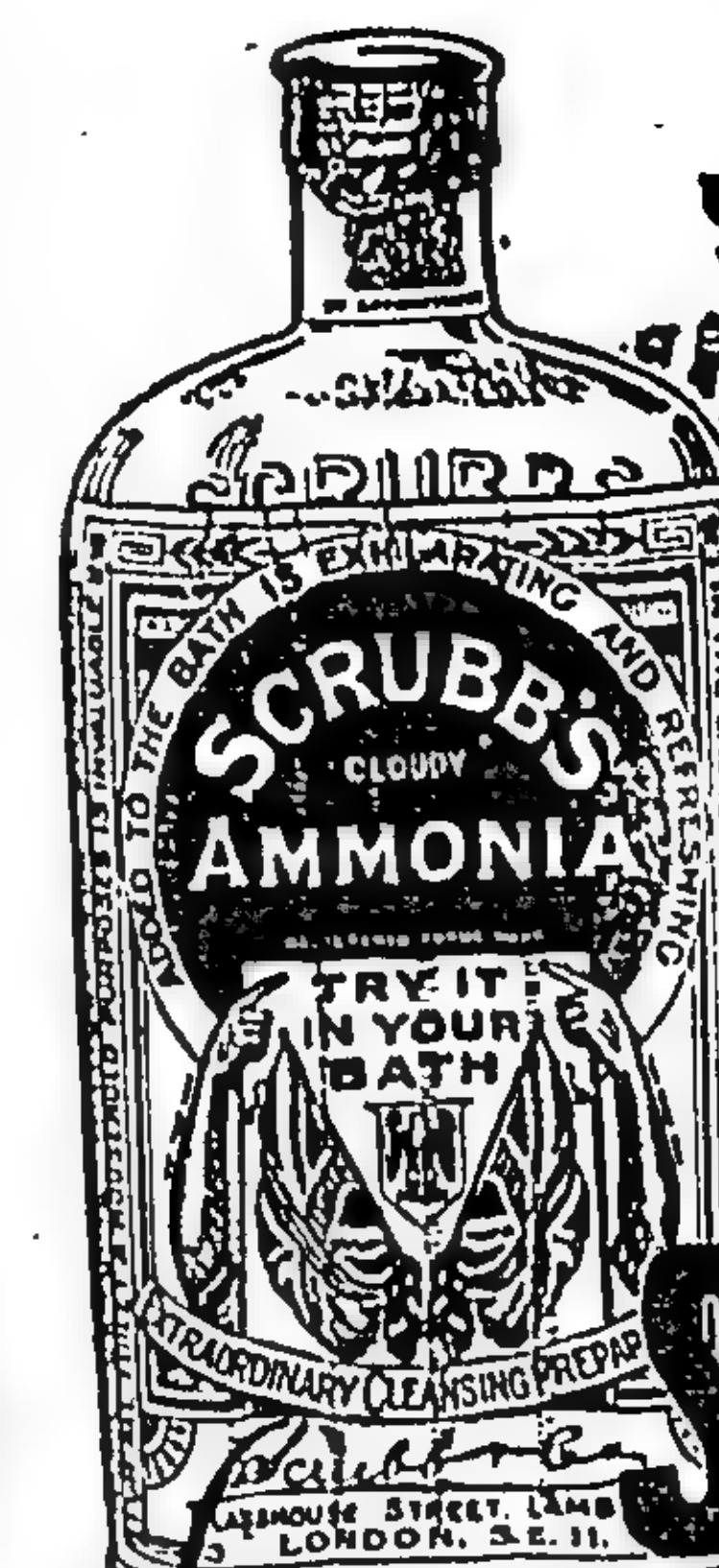


Mr. Sommerfelt and Mrs. Pearce have a talk after the second racing event on Saturday.—Pictorial News.

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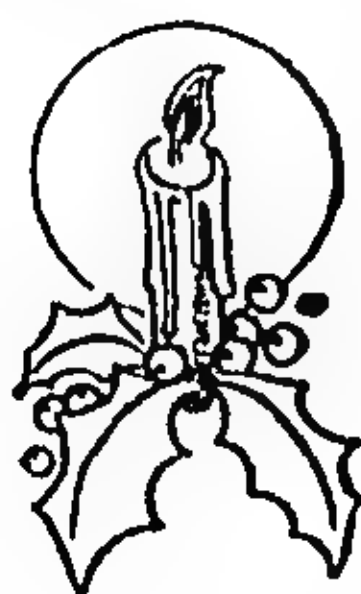
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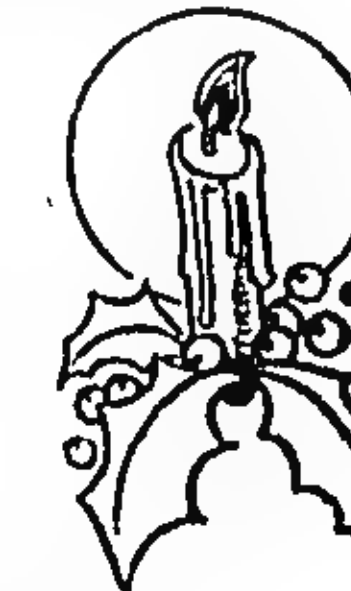
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But Once A Year

WHAT A FESTIVAL is
Christmas! The Divine
Birth being its source and in-
spiration, it has gathered to it-
self all the love and tenderness
of childhood and of motherhood.

The simple gospel story has
given its setting and circum-
stance—the Mother, the Child,
the manger, the cattle, the
shepherds, the Magi and the gifts
—these in their course down the
ages have gathered round them
an aura of tenderness and senti-
ment, with their own benignant
ritual and song.

Christmas stockings, bells
and carols, roast goose and
turkey, little fir-trees, mistletoe
and holly—all these and much
else Christmas has gathered to
itself.

The season in which it has
fallen adds to its strength by
contrast; the festival shines out
like the cheerful windows of an
inn midway along the dark road
of the winter, where there is
warmth and company and re-
freshment. The sober reality
may be a Hongkong heat-wave,
but in the ideal Christmas of
our childhood the ponds are all
ringing with strong black ice,
there are four inches of snow
upon the ground, powdery and
fine, with the fields buried deep
below the dazzling mantle.

The fireside is a seasonable
pleasure which our ancestors set
at its true value and which our
more travelled generation is apt
to misprize. Especially, is it a
pleasure and a benefit when it
unites the family group round
its most ancient altar, the
hearth, at the festival dedicated
time out of mind to the child,
the mother and the family.

Thus Christmas gives to man-
kind these beautiful homilies of
kindliness, hospitality and the
giving of gifts, of charity, of
friendship, and of family love.

Life would be a sadder pil-
grimage without it, and after
the trials which have afflicted
our Homeland these last few
months, and the tribulations
through which our great and
friendly neighbour is passing,
we hope it will bring a rich me-
asure of blessing and consolation.

CARLYLE! thou shouldst
be living at this hour:
Christmas hath need of
thee! For the old dyspeptic
being our first authority on
clothes, would probably in-
struct us wisely in the mat-
ter of Christmas presents.

Mention of the old gentle-
man, and the hidden reference
to two of England's major poets,
set me wondering what pre-
sents at Christmas, or the pagan
New Year, one would have
wished on say a dozen of the
earth's greatest. Here are a
few of my fancies:—

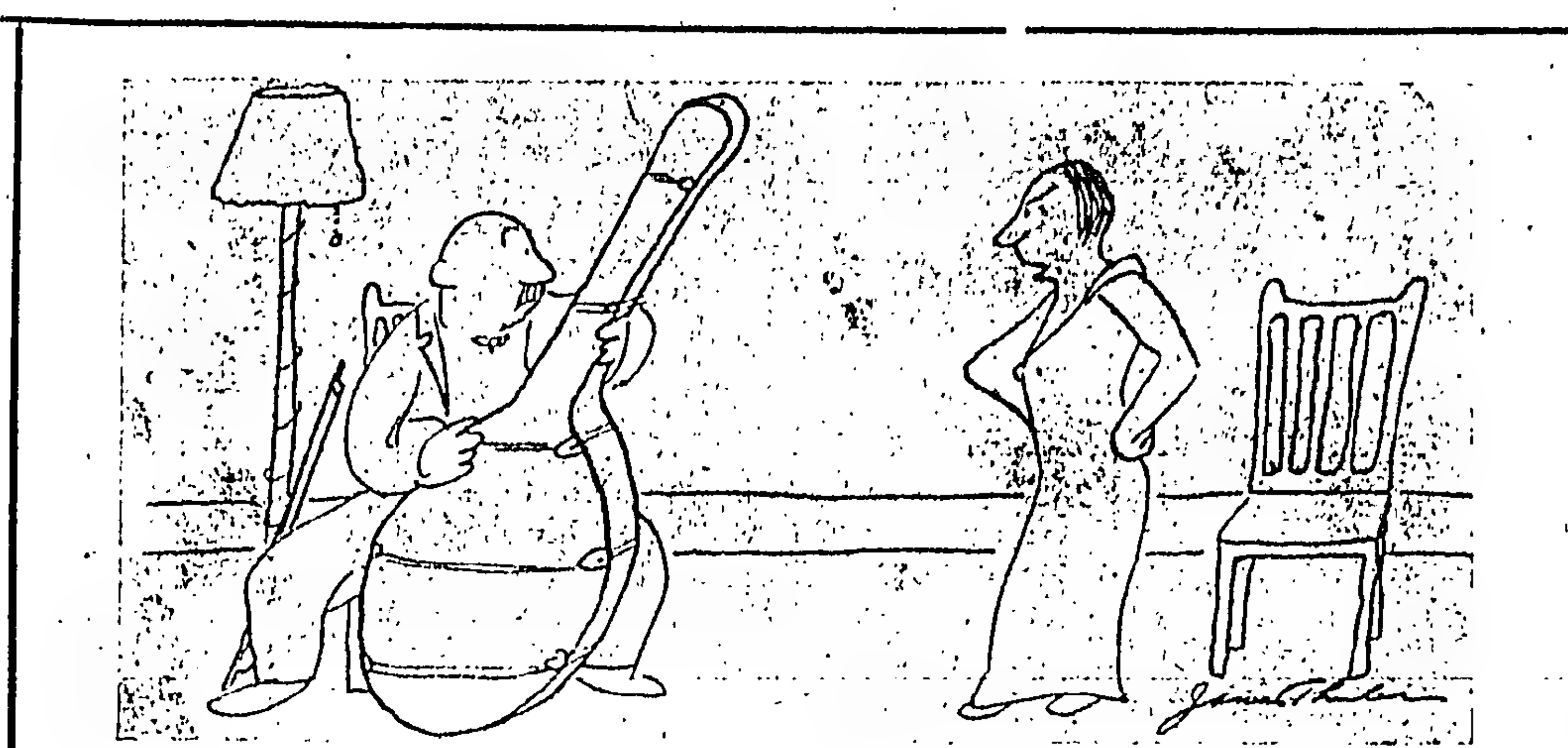
1. Carlyle—A new digestion.
2. Milton—Restored eye-
sight.
3. Wordsworth—Daffodils.
4. Alexander—A new world
to conquer.
5. Cleopatra—Pearls and
some vinegar.
6. Mr. Pepys—Knowledge of
his future fame.
7. Henry VIII.—Another
wife.
8. Horace Walpole—A fresh
scandal.
9. Marat—A lock for the
bathroom.
10. Napoleon—A change of
warders.
11. Florence Nightingale—A
new lamp.
12. Dickens—Time to finish
"Edwin Drood."

Then what about people living
to-day? Here I suggest:—

1. C. B. Cochran—A wow.
2. Greta Garbo—A passage
home.
3. The ex-Kaiser—A tin
sabre.
4. Mr. [Hore-Belisha—Toy
soldiers.
5. Mr. Thomas Farr—14lbs.
more punch.
6. Mr. Littlewood—A swim-
ming pool.
7. The Japanese—Sanity.
8. Any Spaniard—Ditto.
9. The English Cricket
Team—Guts.
10. Gracie Fields—Another
"Sally."
11. Strube—Another twenty-
five years.
12. Gordon Richards—A Der-
by winner.

I COME now to the most
important principle in
the matter of Christmas pre-
sents. They must be useless.
Here is a list of useful presents
for which I, personally, should
say "Thank you very much,"
and then immediately dismiss
them from mind:—

1. Radio licence.
2. Bed socks.
3. The Works of Longfellow.
4. Gramophone record of the
Quins.
5. Garden roller.
6. Loofah.
7. Bulbs for window-boxes.
8. Skid-chains for motor-
car.
9. Horse-muzzle.
10. Beetle-powder.
11. Asparagus tongs.
12. Goloshes.



"I'm not going to
put up with one of
those things, no you
might as well not
unwrap it."

James Agate likes to get USELESS Christmas presents

What I do want and am
yearning to possess is:—

1. Pair of budgerigars.
2. Blackpool Tower in cork.
3. Smoking-suit in purple
corduroy with tangerine
lapels.
4. Tie-press in mother-of-
pearl.
5. Tortoiseshell walking-stick
and celluloid buttonhole
for evening dress.
6. Pagoda for poodle.
7. Poodle for pagoda.
8. Silhouette of Marlene
Dietrich in seaweed.
9. Portrait of Abraham
Lincoln in wool.
10. Hookah.
11. Howdah for white ele-
phant.
12. Model of National
Theatre.

BUT the people really
to be considered are
the kids. Here the rule is that
they must be given things
which fire the imagination. The
bitterest moment of my boy-
hood was when a hard-won
First Prize for Proficiency in
Science turned out to be Dar-
win's "Formation of Vegetable
Mould through the Action of
Worms."

But let me begin with the
tots. Never, never, NEVER

give children children's books.

Dr. Johnson knew about this, as
we see from Mrs. Piozzi's
"Anecdotes":—
"Babies do not want to hear
about giants and castles, and
told of some which can stretch
and stimulate their little
minds." When in answer I
Mines," "Treasure Island," and
prudent and quick sale of Tommy
"Remember always (said he)
that the parents buy the books,
and that the children never read
them."

THE same thing applies
to plays for children.

When I was a child the kind of
pantomime I liked was the
grown-up sort. I doted on one
"The Principal Boy, at-
tired in tights and top-hat,
slapped her thigh and sang a
rousing ditty of which the bur-
den was:—

For I'm a man of the world,
A man of the world am I!
I cherish an undying admira-
tion for the late Macdonald
Hastings. For many reasons,
though one golden sentence
must suffice. This occurs in his
"Memoirs of a Child." Mac is
talking of an island called

Herm, where he used to spend
the summer holidays with ten
brothers and sisters. Herm
was of all islands the most
glorious, the most glorious
of all being Jethou, "which
we all thought must be
much better than Herm because
there were only two houses on
it." Now comes my golden
sentence: "The next year we
went to Cromer or some stink-
ing hole!"

Woe to the parent whose off-
spring should write in later
years: "We all wanted to go to
'Cinderella.' But father in-
sisted on taking us to 'The Glass
Slipper' or some stinking fan-
tasy!"

But to return to our books.
Here the matter is largely one
of age. Boys up to the age of
twelve should be given what-
ever is the modern equivalent
of the school stories of Talbot
Baines Reed and the adventure
yarns of G. A. Henty.

From twelve to fifteen
the masterpieces which they
will read now or never—such
masterpieces as "Robinson Cru-
soe," "Westward Ho!" "Tom
Brown's Schooldays," "Master-
man Ready," "The Last of the
Mohicans," "King Solomon's
Mines," "Treasure Island," and
anything by Jules Verne.
From fifteen to eighteen the
Heart of Midlothian," "David
Copperfield," "Vanity Fair,"
"The Cloister and the Hearth,"
"Adam Bede," "Barchester
Towers," "Many Inventions,"
"Kipps," and "The Old Wives'
Tale."

From eighteen to twenty-one
pantomime I recommend "Tom Jones,"
"The Vicar of Wakefield," "La-
in which the Principal Boy, at-
tired in tights and top-hat,
slapped her thigh and sang a
rousing ditty of which the bur-
den was:—

And, of course, any age from
fifteen onwards is right for
Boswell's "Johnson" and the
Diary of Samuel Pepys.
About girls, I suggest the
same curriculum, with the ex-
ception of "Tom Jones," which
they will not understand, and
"Many Inventions," which they
will dislike.

IN the matter of toys I
am inclined to think
that boys should have some-
thing corresponding to modern
invention, which means air-
planes, motor-cars and speed-
boats. I am not in favour of
trains, because father will play
with them and the child never
get a look-in.

As a thorough fogey and
were I the father of two child-
ren, I should give them a chess-
board of nobly-smelling leather
and a set of weighted chess-men
of the dignity which suits the
game.

In my view, nothing is better
for an afternoon at this season
than a roaring fire, an old-
fashioned sheepskin hearthrug,
black for choice, a supply of
oranges, and a set of chess men.
You play the game on your
stomach, and instead of chang-
ing over the pieces at the end
of the game, change places on
the hearthrug and so get the
other side scorched!
Little girls still, I suppose,
like dolls. In my day demure
maidens of six required a wax
effigy which opened two china-
blue eyes and said "Mamma!"
Now I shall reluctantly concede
that they prefer a badizeden
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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Nope, I didn't sell it—just got married!"

Japanese Terms For Ending War

TOKYO, Dec. 23. BROADCASTING last night, Premier Prince Konoye laid down the conclusion of a Sino-Japanese anti-Comintern Pact, and the placing of economic co-operation between China and Japan on a footing of equality as the guiding principles for the readjustment of relations between Japan and the New China.

The inauguration of full diplomatic relations between Manchukuo and China was another principle mentioned by Prince Konoye.

The Premier's statement in connection with a Sino-Japanese anti-Comintern Pact says that Japan in this matter demands that Japanese troops be stationed at specific points as long as the pact is in force.

In connection with economic co-operation, the Premier declared that Japan does not intend to exercise economic monopoly in China, and she does not intend to demand China to limit her interests with third Powers who grasp the meaning of a new East Asia, and are willing to act accordingly.

Furthermore, "Japan not only respects the sovereignty of China, but she is prepared to give positive consideration of the questions of the abolition of extraterritoriality and the rendition of concessions and settlements, matters which are necessary for the full independence of China."—*Reuter*.

U.S. REACTIONS

Washington, Dec. 22. The Under Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, declined to comment on Premier Konoye's statement pending receipt of the official version.

Unofficial circles considered that the newest aspect of Premier Konoye's statement was the projected abandonment of extraterritorial rights in China, provided China entered into accord with Japan.

The belief is expressed that the United States will oppose this proposal as strongly as they did Japan's larger policy of "Asia for Asians," and it is said that the United States would regard the plan as part of a Japanese attempt to obtain exclusive and complete control of China, instead of liberating the Chinese from admittedly single-deal restrictions.

Some observers contended it was paradoxical for Japan to propose to free China from small foreign concessions while proposing that she, herself, station soldiers throughout China to obtain special new economic advantages from China.

The United States programme to free China from extraterritorial restrictions was incorporated in the Nine-Power treaty, in which the Powers agree to keep their hands off in China, enabling her to become internally strong enough to obviate the necessity for extraterritoriality.

It is contended here that Japan, by military occupation of China, interfered with China's progress and violated her treaty.

Some observers linked the Premier's statement with Japan's reported indignation at the recent United States loan to China, and speculated that the Prime Minister aimed, indirectly, to submit retaliatory measures which Japan could take if Great Britain and the United States executed the loans to China.

They doubted however, that price Konoye's statement would alter the attitude at London or Washington because Japan is already regarded as having curtailed occidental commercial activities to such an extent that further curtailment will cause no anxiety.—*United Press*.

Assistance For St. Helena

Rehabilitation Of Island Proposals

London, Dec. 22. Measures of rehabilitation for St. Helena were mentioned by the Colonial Secretary at Commons question time. Mr. Malcolm MacDonald said that he had received a despatch from the Governor outlining the proposals, and the depressed condition of industry in the island were receiving his own constant attention. He had recently approved on the recommendation of the governor a subsidy to enable the flax mills to re-open to cover loans to small property owners for house repairs and to aid the rise in wages of government employees.

A Superintendent of Education has been appointed. Mr. MacDonald also announced that the Union Castle Line were arranging for their ships to call at St. Helena during the day time so that tourists could land and visit places of interest thus swelling tourist traffic.—*British Wireless*.

PLEDGE BY KOREANS TO GOVERNMENT

(Continued from Page 1.)

and national reconstruction, will be accomplished. This belief is not only held by the 450,000,000 Chinese people, but also by the 30,000,000 Koreans.

LIVE LIKE ANIMALS

"It has been 20 years now since Korea was conquered by Japan. During these 20 years, under the principle of interior extension, 30,000,000 Koreans have been forced to live like animals.

"The sufferings and oppressions we Koreans have been receiving are beyond imagination.

"Those who cannot endure any longer the Japanese oppression have moved to the Chinese Three Eastern Provinces, to share the destiny of the Chinese brethren there.

"Since the beginning of the present war, the Japanese military had had a severe lesson. Comrades of the Korean People's Party have all these 20 years, and to fight for justice, peace, and the mother country. Only the lack of strength has made large-scale rebellion impossible. But anti-Japanese activities have never ceased for a single day.

"China and Korea are historically related. Both nations have been subjected to Japanese aggression in the past scores of years. Korea has unfortunately been conquered, but her spirit of resistance is in no way different from that of China. China wins in her war of resistance, all the weak and small nations will be benefited, emancipated, and can return to a state of freedom and equality.

"Generally speaking, Chiang recently issued a message to the Chinese people, expounding with great determination the true meaning of prolonged resistance. He asked that the people must face the present situation with greater fortitude, greater courage, greater capacity for suffering and hardships, in order to contribute to the consolidation of national strength for nation-wide prolonged resistance and bring about the ultimate victory. This message has not only pointed the right way in enemy-resistance and national reconstruction, but also been a lesson to Koreans in their bitter struggle for their national independence.

"From now on, it is necessary that Chinese and Korean comrades be prepared to face the crisis with greater fortitude and patience, and with united mind and action, to fight for the final victory. Members of the Korean People's Party will follow loyally the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang, to co-operate with Chinese for the purpose of defeating Japan, restoring the Korean nation for justice and for peace."—*Central News*.

MAJORS AND MINORS FELL BY WAYSIDE

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was how you spelt "adjudicator." Smith minor—have been gonged?

Besides, Robinson Major was unlucky to be gonged on "dissidents"—a perfectly correct alternative for "dissidence," according to the Oxford Dictionary.

Brown Minor must have felt like eating dirt when he spelt "geophagist"—meaning: a dirt eater—with an extra "o". And how "Vinjar" must have writhed as he heard the same young man render "pteridology"—the science of ferns—as "teredology!"

Brown Major felt at perfect ease when he spelt "c-s-s-o-g-e"—only it should have been "syzygy" which, to you ignorant readers, means a conjunction or opposition of a planet with the sun. (I know, I've looked it up!)

The Majors had no difficulty with "Housewifery," "Decadence," "Embarrassed" or "Subsidence," but the Minors must have breathed collective sighs of relief when it fell upon their opponents to deal with "chimerical"—Robinson Major spelt it "Kimerical."

And now, if you're feeling superior after listening to last night's broadcast, ask a friend to try the words on you, and see if you can do better.

OVER FORTY UNDER FORTY

Irreplaceable	Transability
Machination	Miscellany
Disidence	Desplience
Aesthetism	Disymmetry
Enveloping	Paltracism
Housewifery	Contrariwise
Questionary	Accessible
Deliquency	Obology
Illiteracy	Symbolically
Decedence	Courteous
Plucky	Supercilious
Plethoric	Geophagist
Embarrassment	Adjudicator
Subsidence	Reverberatory
Chimerical	Village
Syzygy	Pteridology

"Henometer" Stamps Eggs

SYDNEY, Australia. Hens in Australia will soon be punching time clocks just like office and factory workers. A "Henometer" has been invented, which will automatically stamp each egg with the brand of the hen and the date of the egg. The device is intended to prevent the sale of preserved eggs for fresh ones.

JUDGE'S SCATHING COMMENT

30 Months Prison For False Pretences

"THE Jury have unanimously found you guilty of a singularly cruel type of larceny of a large sum of money from a widow, who on her own admission is completely without guile, and without knowledge of human nature. I have heard nothing of any offer on your part to make complete or part restoration to the complainant, so the sentence will be necessarily severe. You will go to prison with hard labour for two years and six months."

The above remarks were made by His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, at the conclusion of the trial of Li Hui-ting, at the Criminal Sessions this morning. Li was found guilty by a Jury comprising Messrs. G. A. Lawrence (foreman), S. K. Heiberger, F. M. Garcia, E. A. Noronha, D. L. Ballantyne, Lin Kim-chong and Chu Chang-yue on a charge of having obtained \$10,000 from Chiu Li-tze in December of last year by falsely pretending that he was the owner of a house in Morrison Road.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada Jnr., who was instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva for the prosecution, while Mr. E. J. N. Anderson was instructed by Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones for the defence.

American And British Goods Banned, Report

Ningkuo, Dec. 23. Reports received here reveal that the Japanese are prohibiting the sale of British and American goods in the Hangchow Bay area.

In Kashiou, on the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway it is stated that even British and American cigarettes are on the list of prohibited articles. Violators have been severely punished by the Japanese.—*Central News*.

Protective Tariff For Netherlands

Le Hague, Dec. 22. The First Chamber has passed a bill authorising the Government to enforce a protective tariff by Royal decree.

The Bill becomes operative upon the introduction of another trade measure which has already been drafted.

Dr. Collin, President of the Netherlands, said he is still a free trader and has not lost hope of restoring free trade in the Netherlands, but, after the London world economic conference, he was convinced of the necessity for a new Dutch tariff policy.—*Reuter, Special*.

Royal Family Leave For Sandringham

London, Dec. 22.

The King and Queen, accompanied by Queen Mary and Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret, left King's Cross Station this afternoon for Wolferton on their way to Sandringham for Christmas.

This morning the Princesses visited an exhibition of dolls and wardrobes presented to them by the children of France. With their governess they spent more than an hour at the exhibition.

Since it opened on December 10, there has been an average attendance each day of more than 1,700 people and practically all the members of the Royal family have visited it. It has now been decided that the exhibition will remain open until January 7. Receipts from the charges for admission will be divided between French and British children's charities.—*British Wireless*.

Commons Adjourns For Christmas

London, Dec. 22.

The House of Commons to-day adjourned for the Christmas recess until January 31, subject to re-assembly if public interest requires.

Mr. Chamberlain, in moving the adjournment, declared: "I am happy to think that whatever the perils of this season may be, there is no reason to anticipate that we shall have to put the provision into force."

The Premier is spending Christmas at Chequers, and afterwards will stay with friends for a few days before departing for Rome.

Several members of the Cabinet are spending their holiday abroad, and others will scatter to their homes in different parts of the country.—*Reuter*.

SMALL-POX DANGERS STRESSED

Hongkong And The Shanghai Outbreak

"PEOPLE WHO HAVE not been vaccinated within the past three years with locally manufactured lymph are urged to do so immediately. This especially applies to children."

Dr. P. S. Selwyn Clarke, Director of Medical Services, made this announcement to the "Telegraph" this afternoon, when his attention was drawn to reports of the serious outbreak of small-pox in Shanghai.

SHANGHAI OUTBREAK

SHANGHAI, Dec. 22. Statistics of the Municipal Council's health department reflect the seriousness of the growing small-pox epidemic, which has resulted in the isolation of 1,013 Chinese, and 85 foreigners since the start of the outbreak in October.

The statistics showed that Chinese deaths totalled 331, and that 15 per cent. of the foreign victims had died. It was revealed that 10 Britons, and three Americans were laid up with the disease. These included eight Britons from H.M.S. Suffolk and the others were chiefly soldiers.

Among the American victims was Mr. John Morris, Far Eastern manager of the "United Press," who was not now serious as he had passed the critical stage, and was out of danger. Mrs. Knudson and Mr. Jordan were other Americans stricken.

The statistics revealed that the majority of the stricken Chinese had never previously been vaccinated. The epidemic, although not the most serious in the history of Shanghai, is one of the worst outbreaks for 20 years.

Vaccination campaigns had resulted in 4,000 people daily being vaccinated, most of whom were Chinese who had never been vaccinated, and who were new arrivals in the city, mostly farmers.—*United Press*.

COMMONS ATTACK ON DRUG POSITION IN FAR EAST

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aimed at the systematic demoralisation of the Chinese people.

He thought that the diagnosis which most correctly fitted this extremely grave position was somewhat as follows: reports we receive from North China seem to confirm the statements made at the meeting of the Opium Advisory Committee last June.

In North China, before the Japanese occupation in 1937, an attempt was being made by the Chinese Government to enforce drastic opium and narcotic laws which they promulgated in 1935.

There are indications that they were, to some extent, being successful.

Since the Japanese occupation of this region, these deterrents to a large extent have disappeared. It is a very serious deterioration that the position seems to get worse.

Mr. Butler proceeded to say that in February over 30 Chinese Government ordinances were repealed by the Peiping Provisional Government, and in May it was announced that the Peiping tax authorities had decided to allow the opening of 300 opium dens.

The Provisional Government had issued certain ordinances for the control of the traffic, the effect of which it was not yet possible to estimate.

POSITION IN PEIPING

He was bound to give the House the information he possessed, and it appeared to His Majesty's Government, that since the formal repeal of the Chinese Government's ordinances, opium pipes and smoking accessories began to appear openly for sale on stalls and in the markets at Peiping.

Innumerable drug stores were opened, until at the present, there was scarcely a single store where drugs could not be bought openly and indulged in.

Viscount Halifax had no definite information beyond the published budget figures of 1938 regarding Manchuria, but a report on the drug situation had been called from the British representative there.

The conditions in Central China did not appear to be so serious. The Nanking Provisional Government had recently promulgated ordinances aimed at controlling the traffic, but he was not able to give definite information as regards their likely result.

Mr. Butler said that, taken together with the information he gave about the growth of heroin, it would seem there had been distinct increases in these various parts of the Far East. The Government's view was that there had been an increase in the traffic.

JAPANESE ATTITUDE

Viscount Halifax had no information on the attitude of the Japanese military authorities to the trade in heroin, which appeared chiefly to emanate from Tientsin, and was often carried on by Korean camp followers.

The Government intended to continue a close examination of the matter in company with other governments, as that was preferable to individual action.

The matter was then dropped.—*Reuter*.



RONALD EGAN

MISSING H.K. YOUTH HOME AGAIN

RONALD EGAN, 20-year-old Hongkong youth who has been missing from his home in Kowloon since Tuesday, returned shortly before noon to-day.

"I have just had a report that he has arrived home," said his father, Mr. J. Egan.

"I cannot say yet where he has been, beyond that he came back from Macao."

"I want to thank the newspapers, the shipping companies, the police department and the broadcasting station for all the help they have given."

S.O.S. FOR DONORS OF BLOOD

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sample obtained from the patient who requires the transfusion.

The microscope is the final judge of the suitability of the donor's blood, for if through it the corpuscles are noticed to clump together, the donor's blood is not suitable and it would be fatal to perform the transfusion.

The scene under the microscope would be re-enacted in the blood vessels and the patient would die of shock, when the corpuscles began to agglutinate.

ALMOST PAINLESS

The blood transfusion is almost painless. A hollow sharp needle is inserted into a blood vessel in the crook of the arm, is attached to a rubber tube which hangs down into a beaker. Generally there is a saline solution in the beaker. The donor's arm is raised and usually about eight ounces of blood are allowed to flow down.

The donated blood is transfused to the patient by means of gravitation generally. Very small ill-effects are noticed soon after a transfusion. There may be a slight giddy sensation which soon passes away.

Medical men say that donating blood is actually beneficial to the donor. They say the need for fresh blood to replace the donated blood, stimulates the tissues in the bone marrow to greater activity, and the blood is enriched.

Depreciation In China's Currency Is Forecast

Peiping, Dec. 22.

Chinese political and banking circles say that further depreciation of the old banknotes will very likely be announced before the end of the year, but no official confirmation is available.

Banking circles are sceptical whether a new discount can be enforced, better than the previous discount which was ignored by all except official organisations, but the imminent withdrawal of all old banknotes is making the new notes popular among the non-saving class, while larger denominations of the old notes are being sought and hoarded.—*United Press*.

Narrow Margin In Daladier Vote

Paris, Dec. 22.

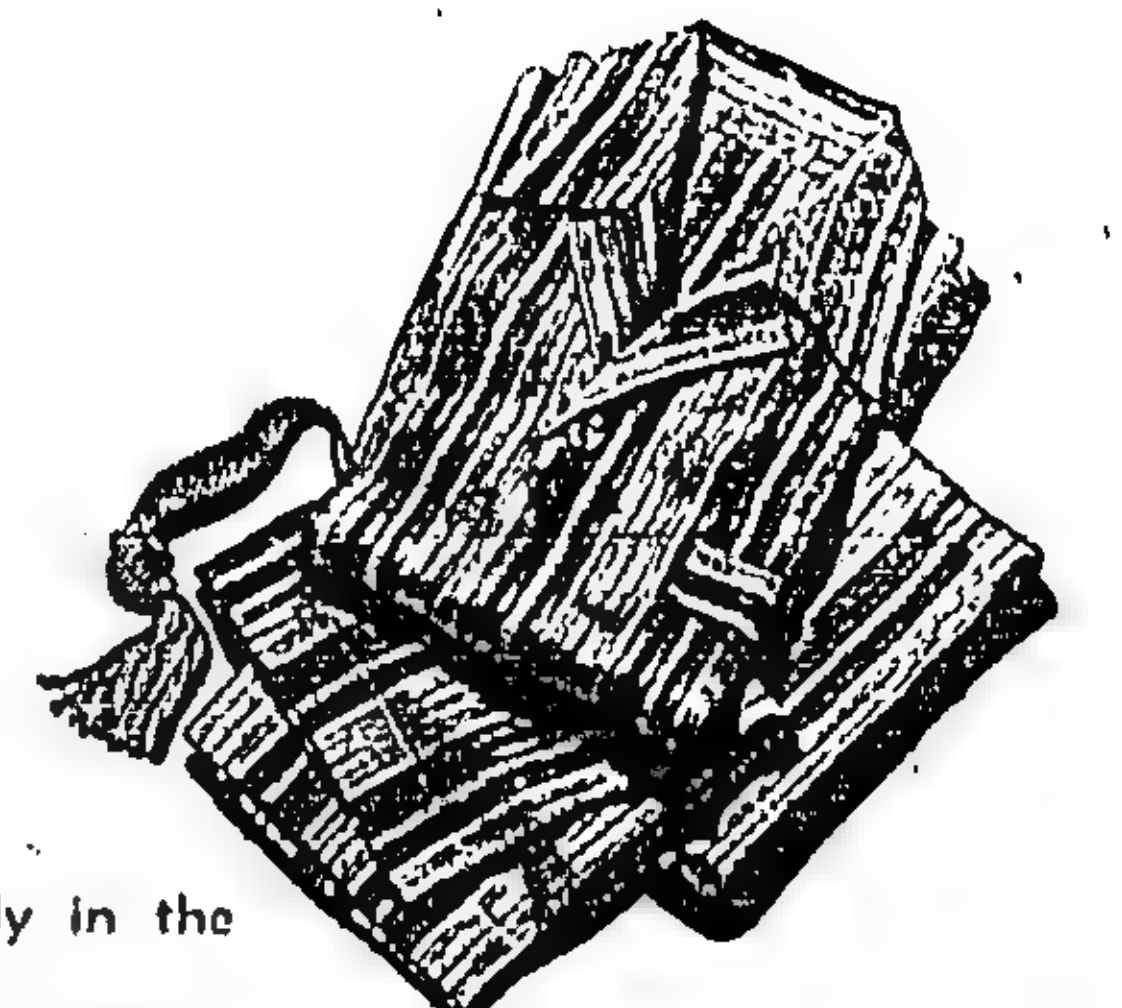
By the narrow margin of seven votes (291 against 284) the Chamber of Deputies passed a motion of confidence in the Government, supporting authorization of new taxation and empowering the Government to levy 10,000 million francs additional direct and indirect taxes to enable balancing of the 1939 budget.—*United Press*.

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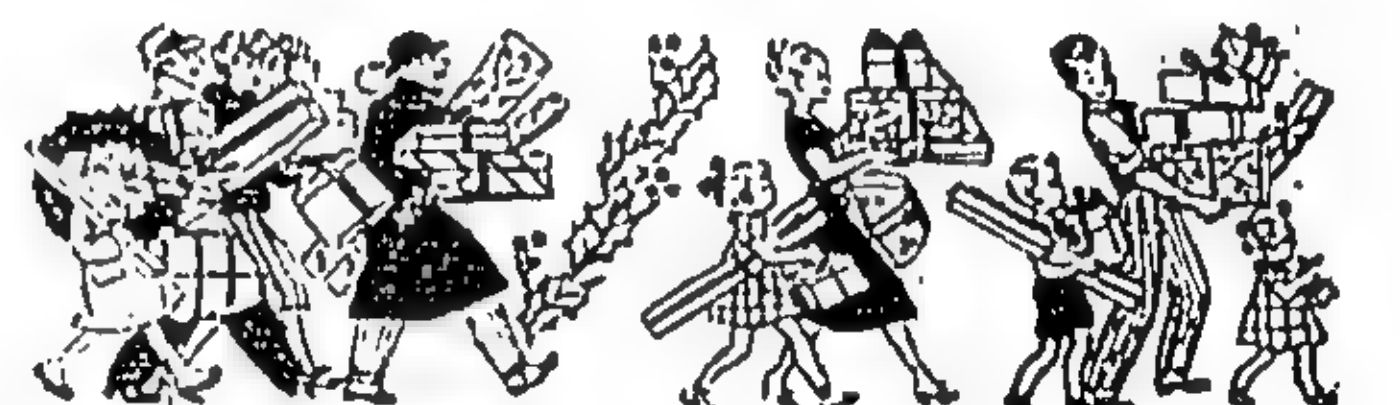
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Girl Student Of 17 "Adopts" A Family

A 17-year-old art student, a girl living in Portland Place, London, whose name is not revealed, has "adopted" a needy couple in Durham and their five young children.

Her action was disclosed by the Rev. H. F. Pickering, Vicar of St. Nicholas Church, Durham City, recently, when he defended in the pulpit the effort that he, with Lady Jane Legge, is making to secure help for poor families in his parish.

"In Durham City alone there are 1,000 men on the dole, and there are incredible thousands in the county. There are many brave souls fighting against tremendous odds to help themselves," he said.

"RELUCTANT RICH"

"I know of a man who rises at 4 a.m. to ride his cycle more than 20 miles to work and then back again at night in order to keep his job and not go on the dole.

"That man has a brave wife and five young children living in two rooms. If the father and mother have not tried to help themselves I don't know who has.

"I thank God that I have been able to link that family up to a young art student in London who will take care of them."

Durham County's problem ought to be a national concern, he said, and the reluctant rich in the South ought to be educated to their responsibility.



WON WORLD VOYAGE

Lucky American Girl In Hongkong

"Why I want to go to the China Seas?" was a question which Miss Dorothy M. Shaw, of New York, recently answered so well that her reply won her an essay competition and a trip round the world. She is a through passenger by the President Adams, which reached Hongkong yesterday, and is the only passenger who is booked with the ship for its complete round-the-world voyage.

The competition won by Miss Shaw was sponsored by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in connection with the Gable-Harlow film "China Seas."

Miss Shaw, a smartly-dressed brunette, is in charge of the American Express Company's travel bureau in McCrory's Store, New York. Her tour gives her only a day in Hongkong, for she sails with the President Adams at noon to-day.

Redrawing the Czech-Hungarian frontier are German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, left, and Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, at Belvedere Palace, Vienna. By this draft Hungary gained more than 4,000 square miles of Czech territory.

Adventurers In A Junk Shanghai Russians To Return

As unostentatiously as it had set sail from Shanghai around the world the Russian-imperial-ensign-flying junk Adventure returned recently its top-mast broken, but its crew of eight, including two pretty young girls, undaunted and still hopeful.

The White Russian junk, skippered by a Briton, Captain A. C. Newton, set sail for Hongkong, the first port of call on its world-girdling itinerary. For a day all went well, but the junk sailed into stormy weather.

The junk, which was considered one of the most seaworthy vessels of its kind yet to embark upon such an adventure, weathered the seas well. But the topmast was old and cracked under the strain.

Approximately 70 miles out of Shanghai, the junk was turned back. The return trip was made with the remaining sail and the six-cylinder automobile engine.

The crew includes Luba Schenkoff, Olga Alksner, Chief Officer Leo Tomashevsky, Engineer Leo Rudchenko and Seamen Serge Mursanoff, P. Plutakoff and V. Dzule, intends setting out again as soon as the necessary repairs on the boat are completed.

The Adventure may not arrive in San Francisco in time for the opening of the Fair there next February.

According to its itinerary, the route to San Francisco was to be via Hongkong, Manila, Singapore, Java, Australia and New Zealand. The crew originally intended to remain in San Francisco for the Fair and then to return to Shanghai via the Panama Canal, British West Indies, Canary Islands, Great Britain, Europe, Suez Canal, and from there across the Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal and through the Straits of Malacca to Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai.

The unique feature of this adventure was the presence on board the junk of Luba Schenkoff and Olga Alksner, both of whom gave up their jobs at a high class French-town restaurant to sail with the Adventure.

DIVORCE PETITION

The divorce petition of Dorothy Isabel Tan, a European woman, against her Chinese husband, Mr. Peng Yung Tan, a Singapore lawyer, was withdrawn without prejudice to her rights to making a fresh petition when the matter was heard before Mr. Justice Fiedlow in the Singapore High Court.



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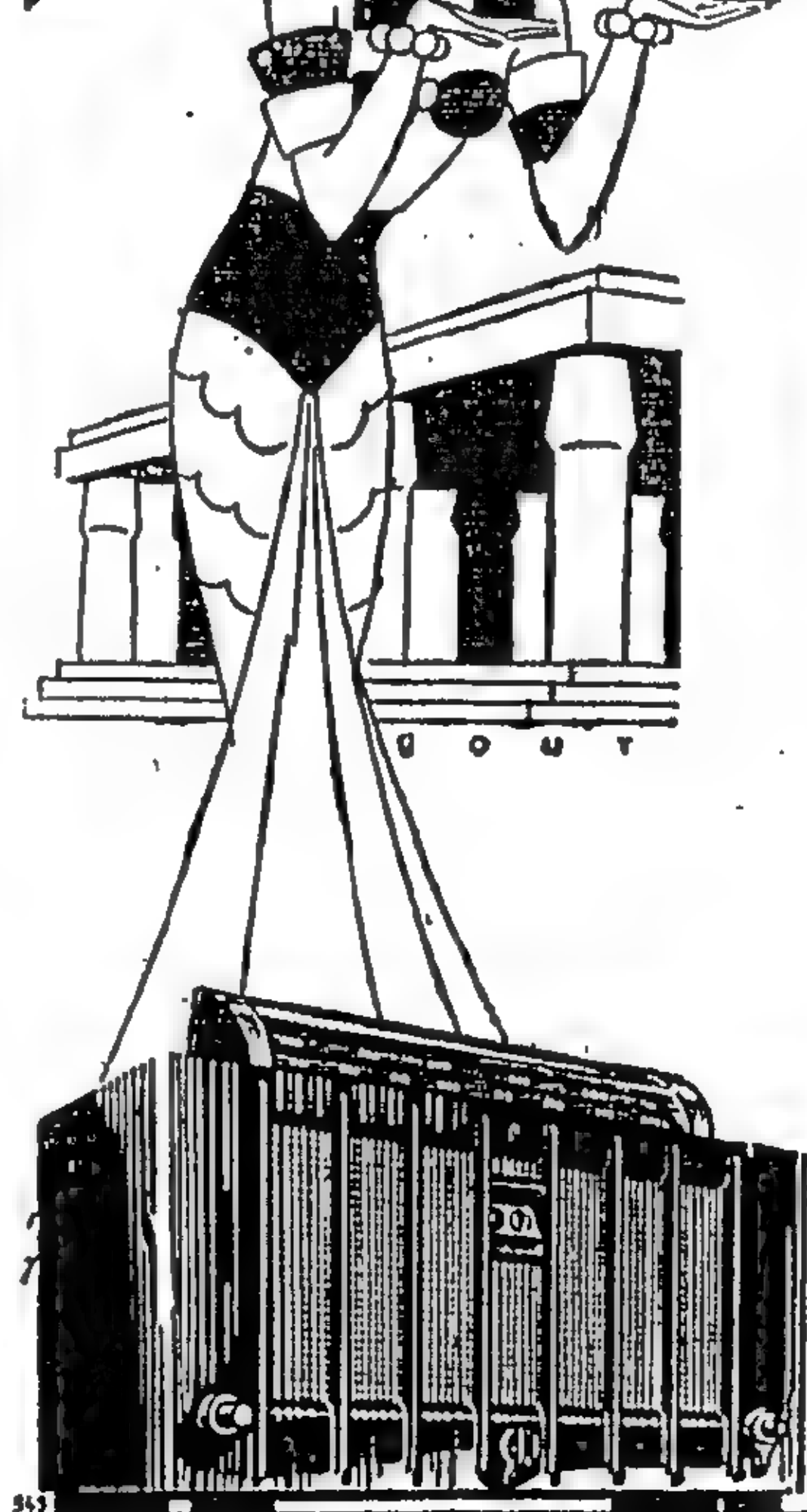
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SPLENDID FEAT BY EU STABLE IN TARDY H'CAP Silkylight Again Lowers A Record

(By "Captain Foster")

The Hongkong Jockey Club closed their racing season last Saturday before one of the largest crowds ever assembled at Happy Valley. The dollar cash sweep counter was the chief attraction, the first prize in the opening event, the Hongkong Autumn Champions, being well over \$2,000 and ticket No. 1225 was worth \$5,574.80 for an outlay of \$2 in the last contest.

The outstanding feature of the meeting was the wonderful success of the Singapore philanthropist, Mr. Eu Tong-sen, whose three nominations, Lucky (with Mr. Encarnacao up), Rose Jane (Mr. W. Poy) and Rose-Queen (Mr. S. W. Pan) finished first, second and third respectively in the Tardy Handicap for "C" class China ponies. It was a hard fought-out battle, Lucky winning by a length and the same margin separated the other two ponies. Mr. Eu Tong-sen should feel proud of the record.

Champion's Wonderful Running

Silkylight Too Good For Field

Favoured with a good going, Silkylight, owned by Mr. Eric Moller of Shanghai and ridden by his son Mr. R. B. Moller, annexed the Hongkong Autumn Champions in record time of 2.21½ by many lengths, lowering Liberty Day's track figure established on February 22, 1935, by two three-fifths seconds. It was certainly an amazing feat, the first quarter being covered in 28½ seconds and the next two furlongs were galloped in 28½ seconds. The third quarter was slackened to 20 seconds, but the speed of the next two furlongs was accelerated to 28½ seconds and then Silkylight came down the home

stretch in 27 seconds with a few pounds to spare.

We all know that Silkylight was a first class animal, but we had no idea that he possessed such wonderful legs. It may not be known that the last mile was run in 1.52½ against the record time of 1.55 held by Diana Bay and the last half-a-mile was negotiated in 55½ seconds.

As was anticipated, Bear Claw jumped to the front at the release of the barrier followed by Confusion Bay, Silkylight and Expression Time, but I noticed that when they reached the bottom of the hill, Bear Claw was labouring owing to the fast pace. However, as they neared the ½ mile post, Confusion Bay took up the running and the first three quarters of the circuit were journeyed in 1.20½ which was a grand show. At this juncture Silkylight dropped back as if he could not follow the leader and there was a tremendous excitement in the two stands.

Coming down the Black Rock, the order was Confusion Bay, Bear Claw, Silkylight and Expression Time, and there was daylight between the runners. All the glasses were focussed on the ponies and those 1,570 backers on Silkylight must have thought that their money had gone west.

At the 1¼ mile beacon or thereabout the triple crown winner shot forward in a most remarkable way and believe it or not, Silkylight was leading the pack at the top of the home stretch. Confusion Bay stuck to Mr. Eric Moller's candidate until the distance when he began to flag and Boole Moller, who rode a clever race on Silkylight, was tickled to cross the "W. P." by many lengths. It was a fine race and the combination of Silkylight and Moller remains unbeaten.



Activity in the paddock after the saddling bell in the Dilatory Handicap, first leg of the "Double" at Saturday's races. New Star (Mr. S. W. Pan up) is at the head of the line, followed by the winner, Double Chance, ridden by Mr. A. W. Raymond, and Plain View (Mr. H. C. Pih up) which came second. On the right Mr. V. V. Needa is seen mounting Ebony Idol which was unplaced.—Pictorial News.

NO FLUKE IN LUCKY LAD'S WIN

Well-Timed Race
By V. V. Needa

I raise my hat to Lucky Lad, a "B" class Australian pony, winning the Queensland Autumn Champions and there was no fluke about his victory. The jockey, Mr. Needa, nursed the pony and rode a nice race. Prior to this classic event, Lucky Lad finished behind Vixen Tor (winner) in the New Bridge Handicap for "B" class over six furlongs and in the circumstance I never expected that he had a chance of becoming the champion pony.

It was indeed a great pity that the hot favourite, Courting Eve, went lame after covering half the distance. The veteran Snowy River (1935 sub-

Special Homeside Soccer Forecast

The following are the teams specially selected to win in the Home Football programme tomorrow:

Home Winners

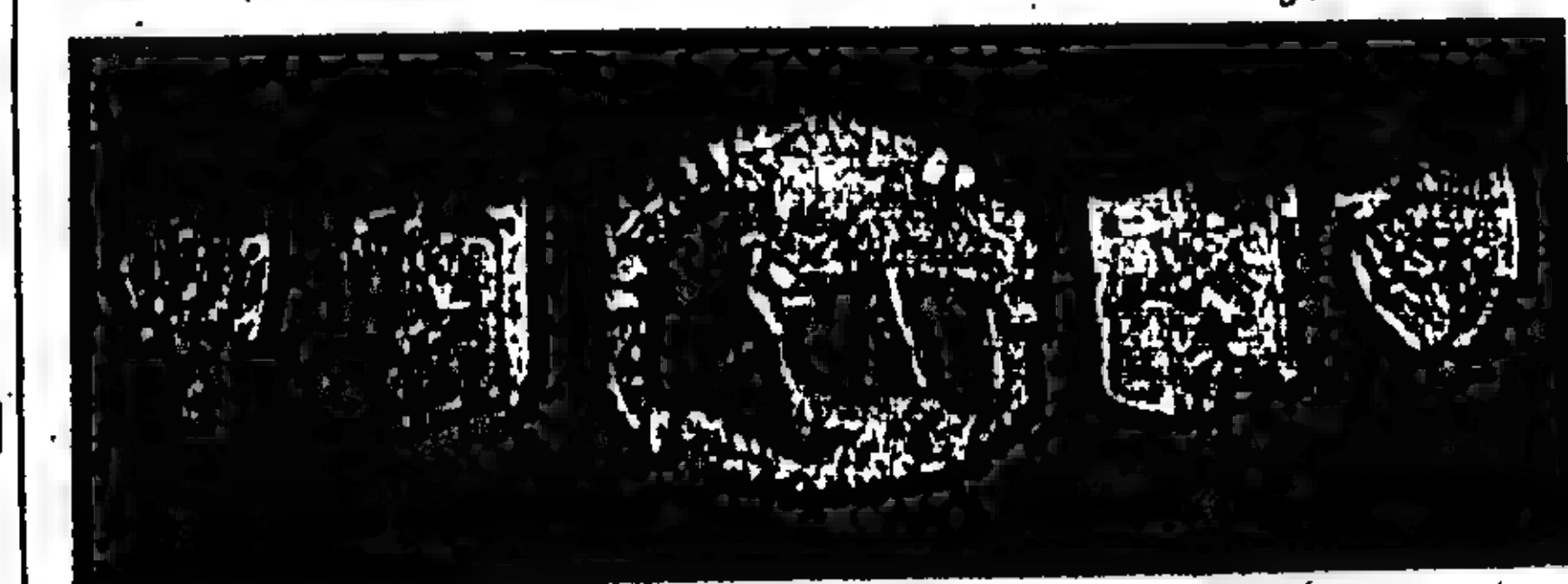
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Sheffield U.
Crystal Pal.
Newport
Northampton
Hamilton
Rangers

Optional Selections

Charlton
Hull
Stockport
Bradford

(Griffin), surprised us by running into a third place and she was also from the "B" brigade.

Readers and punters will no doubt be interested to know that Lucky Lad was by Tom McCarthy and there are three sons by the same sire among the contingent which arrived here about the beginning of August for 1939 Annual Carnival. Pony No. 48 belongs to Mrs. Eu Tong-sen, No. 52 is owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stanton and No. 55 is the property of the stable Clre. They have not as yet during the training season. Centre Court gave a very disappointing display and so did the Spring champion, Strathroy.



Above is a picture of the Banianweight Belt of the 2nd Lt. The Royal Scots, which was won last night by Pte. Craig, who beat Pte. 40 Scott. The Belt was presented by Capt. (QM) Evans, one time Light-weight Champion of Scotland, who won it outright when a Sergeant in the Regiment, 1913, 1914.

Here And There With "Abe"

First Test Starts In S. Africa To-morrow

THE M.C.C. cricketers in South Africa under the captaincy of Walter Hammond will embark tomorrow on the task of regaining possession of the "rubber" which has not been won by England since 1922-23. It is generally considered in South Africa that the M.C.C. has sent out its strongest side for 50 years. For the first time, England will be represented by the full strength of its home eleven with Hammond leading a model team—the sort of side that the student of cricket would pick from the formula of the text book. The matches played by the tourists to date confirm the high opinion held of the team at the beginning of the visit, and no doubt the chances are that England will win the series, which begins at Johannesburg to-morrow. Four days have been allocated to each Test match, and the First Test will be played on December 24, 26, 27 and 28; the Second on December 31, January 2, 3 and 4; the Third on January 20, 21, 22 and 24; the Fourth on February 18, 20, 21 and 22; and the Fifth on March 3, 4, 5 and 7.

Relying On Spin

It is expected that the home players will rely mostly on spin bowling to foil the M.C.C. batting stars. Louis Duffus, a leading South African cricketer, says that one reason why South Africa may rely on spin bowlers is the responsiveness of the wickets. This may be so, but at the time of writing the South African team has not been chosen, and it is possible that a different policy may be decided upon by the South African selectors. So far the only thing known is that Alan Melville, former Oxford University and Sussex captain, has been chosen to captain the Union team in all five Tests.

Popular Choice

FROM all accounts it is a popular choice; for no player in South Africa knows more about contemporary English cricket, while Melville has also been described as one of the best batsmen against spin bowling of his generation, although he does not seem to be in his peak form at the moment. That the highest respect is being held of his captaincy is shown by the comments of Hammond and Sir Pelham Warner when his selection was announced. Hammond said: "I am delighted that Melville has been chosen to captain South Africa. I have known him a number of years, and am pleased he is to lead South Africa. He is a very able cricketer," Sir Pelham stated: "We all know Melville as a very good cricketer, and he was a very successful captain both for Oxford and for Sussex. Naturally I cannot hope that he will lead South Africa to

COACH FOR NOTTS CLUB NEXT YEAR

Sir Julien Cahn has agreed to defray the cost of coaching the Notts County Cricket side for the next three years.

The decision of the Club to engage D. J. Knight as Technical Adviser to the Club with a former Australian Test player, Alan Fairfax as his assistant follows the decline in standard of play by the Club last season.

Last season Notts, once one of the strongest counties finished 12th in the championship table. In 1937 Notts fell from fifth to 10th place.

Tribute to Hammond

SIR Pelham Warner recently paid the following tribute to Hammond's captaincy last season: "Great on the field of play, he (Hammond) was an able, inspiring and sympathetic leader. Captaincy in England eleven is never an easy role. Hammond filled the position splendidly in every respect." It is a tribute that will receive universal support; yet it is not without irony to those who have good memories. In the space of one year he has captained England through a Test series with Australia and has been made a full member of the M.C.C. He has been nominated for the captaincy of his county, and is now leading an M.C.C. England team in South Africa. He would have done none of those things had he remained a professional. Sir Pelham Warner has led the way in paying tribute to a great cricketer, captain with the words quoted from his article in the Cricketer's Annual.

Women's Swimming

IRENE van Feggelen's feat in swimming the 200 metres backstroke

at Amsterdam on Sunday last in 2 mins. 39 secs. once again brings to mind the tremendous progress swimming has made during the last 15 years. Many present-day women's records are of the same standard as even the Dutch men swimmers have come to the fore and have produced a European champion, but the leading Dutch coach for both sexes is still Mme. Braun. Now a precedent of far-reaching importance has been created in Belgium. Mile. Caron swam the 1,000 metres (about 1,100 yards) in 14 mins. 31 sec., thus not only lowering the former women's record by 2½ min. but even surpassing the men's record held by Guillemin with 14 min. 43 sec. Thus a girl became champion of both sexes in Belgium. Probably not such a thing has happened before.

Subscription Griffins Drawn For

China Ponies For 1939 Season

The Hongkong Jockey Club's China pony subscription griffins of 1939 were drawn by Mrs. D. C. Edmondston and Mrs. T. E. Pearce in the presence of H.B. the Governor, stewards and a good crowd of owners and racing fans during the week. The draw resulted as follows:

Draw No.	Drawn By	Colour	Height
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202	P. H. & Co.	Grey	13½
203	T. F.	Grey	13½
204	Mrs. Eu Tong-sen	Grey	13½
205	Li & Co.	Grey	13½
206	Northcote	Grey	13½
207	Hollandia	Grey	13½
208	John	Grey	13½
209	S. Williamson	Grey	13½
210	J. H. Jensen	Grey	13½
211	J. J.	Grey	13½
212	Craig	Grey	13½
213	Moller and Johannesen	Grey	13½
214	S. W. Lee	Grey	13½
215	Shields and Stanton	Grey	13½
216	Dynasty	Grey	13½
217	Fourmore	Grey	13½
218	Wong Bui Ngau	Grey	13½
219	Lucky	Grey	13½
220	Choy Wing Chiu & Co.	Grey	13½
221	C. H.	Grey	13½
222	Gredka	Grey	13½
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225	Yeung Hing Yuen	Grey	13½
226	Diamonds	Grey	13½
227	Testo and Abraham	Grey	13½
228	K. C. C.	Grey	13½
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234	Necan	Grey	13½
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238	Chung Hoven	Grey	13½
239	Mrs. F. C. Hall	Grey	13½
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248	Flash	Grey	13½
249	Eu Tong-sen & S. W. Lee	Grey	13½
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Fine Skin

Choose birds of fine skin—the colour is not so important as the fineness of the pores. Although white-skinned birds are supposed to be more tender, with good cooking a yellow-skinned bird can come to the mouth as tender as a peach.

Turkey is best eaten hot—cold turkey having a tendency to taste rather like tough mutton. Don't then, buy too large a bird. It's usually safe to allow two to three pounds of waste in reckoning your size of bird—an eight-pound turkey for six people, a ten-pound turkey for seven or eight people, and so on.

The best possible way to cook both turkey and chicken is in a covered aluminium baking dish with ventilator top. You are then saved all basting troubles, and need not touch the bird until half an hour before serving, when you dish or open the ventilator wide.

Wipe your bird over with a clean cloth wrung out in warm water. Use small, neat wooden skewers to fasten up the stuffing, and be rather extravagant with the butter you use for basting.

On this important occasion you should allow yourself from ¼ to ½ lb. of butter in which to cook the bird. Melt the butter in a small saucepan and pour it over the bird just before it goes in the oven. If you wish a crisp skin to the bird lightly before pouring on the butter. Cook slowly in a moderate oven, increasing the heat for the browning process in the last half-hour. All 15 minutes' cooking per pound of bird, plus the extra half-hour at the end.

Stuffings

WHAT you stuff your birds with is entirely a question of taste of your individual palate. A chestnut stuffing is excellent with either

turkey or chicken at this time of year. For this allow one pound of chestnuts to a good-sized bird, and boil them thoroughly in their skins first. Then plunge into cold water and leave for ten minutes. By that time the skins should come off quite easily, including the brown, fibrous underskin.

Pound the chestnuts very finely. Blend the nuts with a little butter and either cream or eggs. Add salt, pepper, and a tiny pinch of mustard to flavour, and fill the bird tightly.

Your Christmas beef should be ten days old; then it will be in really perfect condition. Wing rib and loin are the most popular joints. The flesh should be bright red. If it is at all purple it is stale, and if it is a very pale red it will be tough.

Wipe the joint over with a wet cloth and then flour thoroughly with flour in which you have mixed salt and pepper in your dredger. Cook in a deep dish with a good sized knob of butter on top as well as any beef dripping you may have. Baste all joints frequently unless you are using a cover.

Serve with butter pudding and at least two vegetables.

Watch Your Windows

MANY modern houses have such delightful broad window-sills that they deserve to be well dressed. Window-sills lend a great deal of character to a room if the housewife has taste and ingenuity.

In a house seen recently every room possessed its window ledge and each was differently dressed to suit the individual need of the room. The lounge, for instance—a large blue room overlooking a busy street, and therefore having net curtains right across the windows—had a tall cream vase in the centre of the sill filled with delphiniums to match the colour scheme, flanked by a pair of aqua vases of a pale shade of blue, each filled with a small posy of pink and blue flowers. The effect was pleasing against the mistiness of the net curtains.

Books, by the way, should be put on window ledges where they do not show from outside. Placed in uncurtained windows with only the

I'M GOING to be MARRIED

on New Year's Eve

"SUCH a rush I've had." The manageress of a dressmaking establishment said to me—whilst I was being fitted for a new dress.

"I'm going to be married on New Year's Eve. We've got the house, what about you giving a hand with the furnishing?" she whispered in her best wheedling voice.

"Right," I said, "that's easy. You'll spend the afternoon at the Woman's Fair with me. Everything you want you will find there under one roof."

"But mind," I said, as later on we went into Olympia. "No fun and games this afternoon. You can come back later with your young man and enjoy the fun of the fair, but to-day it's serious business."

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"As you are going to continue your business for a time you want a house that will practically run itself, and there will be no better servant than electricity." In the Pavilion devoted to electrical equipment we found all that was worth while in stoves and lighting, heating and labour-saving.

"Wait a minute for colour schemes," I said. "First you want help about the workshop of the house, so let's absorb some of the details in the model health and cleanliness kitchen."

We then looked round for the newest ideas in labour-saving. One of the latest things about modern times and

edges of the volumes seen from outside, they do not look their best.

In the kitchen, where the colour scheme is green and white, a white window sill with a tubby green vase kept filled with the cottage garden type of flower looks effective.

A dining-room recently seen had one of those delightful flower rings holding short-stemmed flowers on its broad sill, and on each of the smaller sides—it was a big window—a small one to match filled with a similar colour scheme of flowers.

Windows are so prominent a part of any room that it pays to make them attractive. If taste and simplicity are the keynote.

P. M.

Janet Jay with a Bride-to-Be at Woman's Fair



We've already signed the agreement for the house.

The modern kitchen is that "Black Monday" need not exist any more.

Given the proper washing equipment, you can get through the week's laundry, sheets and all, in double quick time and have it ironed and out of the way by Tuesday.

The first thing I noticed about the new Hotpoint electric cabinet washing machine is that the enamelled top is just the right height to use as an extra table, and beautifully cool for pastry making. So the washing machine is a useful piece of furniture and does not waste floor space.

Opened up, the cabinet reveals an efficient washing machine which is as easy to use as a vacuum cleaner. The wringer, which stows away in a cupboard in the base of the cabinet, adjusts its tension automatically to the material going through, and the soft upper roller is kind to buttons and press studs.

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THE bowl itself is octagonal; a new idea to ensure maximum agitation of the soapy water and thorough washing of every kind of material.

You can choose a vacuum cleaner to suit your own particular needs on the Goblin stand. If you have large carpets or fitted carpets, the sweeper type of cleaner is usually satisfactory. I noticed that the Goblin "Mou-narch," a vibrator-sweeper cleaner which gently beats all embedded dust and grit out of the carpets, is made in a sensible size so that it is not too bulky to stow away in a cupboard.

If you have heavy curtains, picture rails and so on to keep clean, the cylinder type cleaner is probably the best type for you, because it has a good range of accessories for dealing with all the odd corners about the house.

The carpet nozzle of the Goblin "Clean Sweep" cylinder cleaner, I noticed, has an agitator device for picking up cottons.

The price complete, by the way, is six and a half guineas.

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SO many people have spoiled floors with rugs that I made a special note of a new automatic polisher on another stand. You can use this with a long handle, floors or a short one for furniture.

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"CARPETS," exclaimed my dressmaker friend. "I need guidance about these."

"There's four object lesson," I said, as we gazed at a lovely range of self-coloured ones on The Times Furnishing stand. "Self-colours you have agreed upon right through the house, except in the dining-room—where a well-covered pattern helps to obliterate footmarks round the table and stains from spills by the sideboard."

"Fawn beige is the fashionable undertone colour at the moment. You can have a pinky tone or a yellow one, according to your scheme."

"A man needs feeding," she said. "Let's go up to the food gallery."

We lingered here sampling tit-bits of both sweet and savoury. They all tasted so fresh and good, which set me thinking that it was time to start ordering extra supplies for Christmas. Soup is a grand standby for all times, and on the Heinz stand we found the full range of cream and meat soups.

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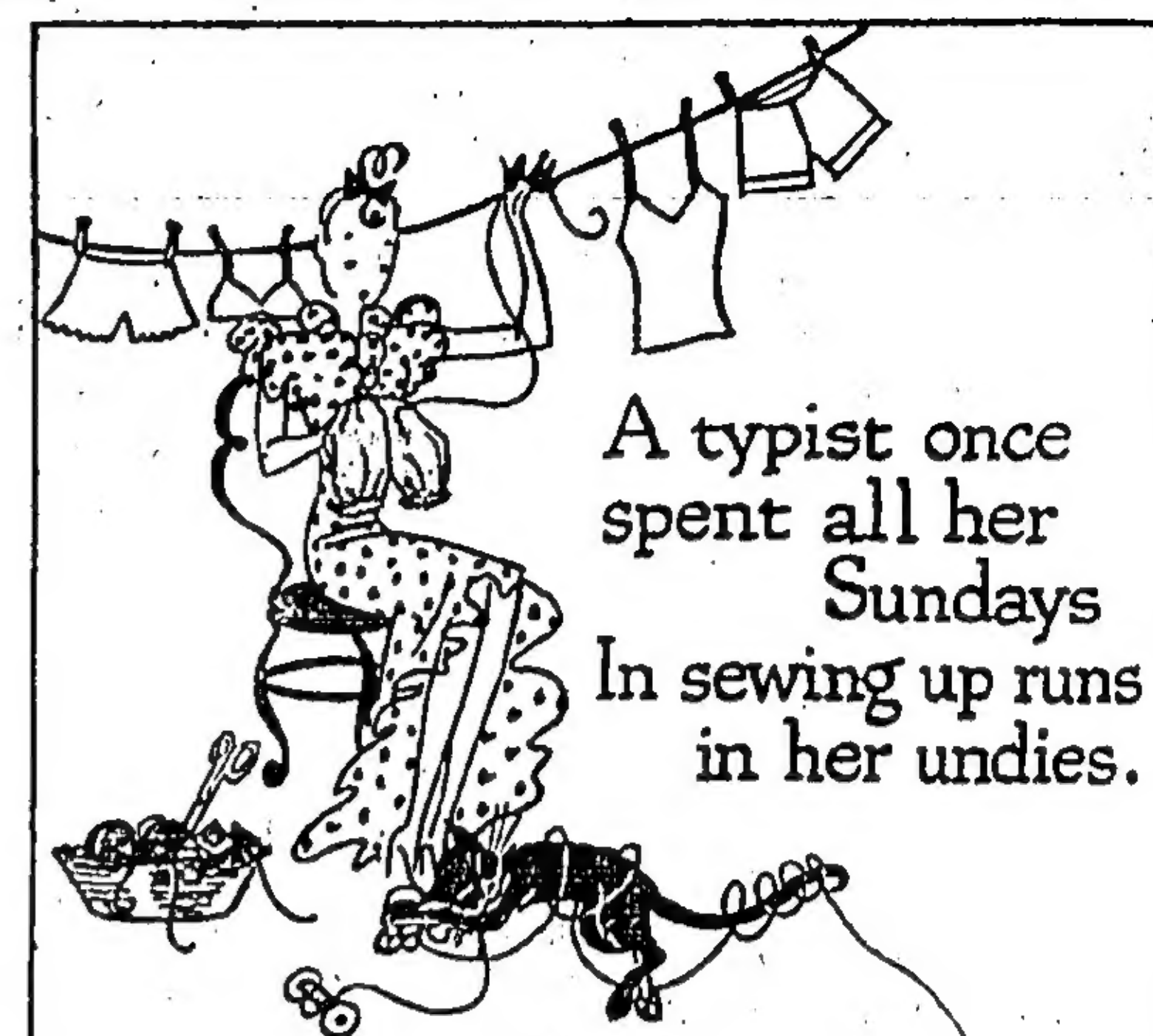
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CUSTOMS TARIFFS

Drastic Restrictions In North China

Shanghai, Dec. 22.

Reports are freely circulating in usually well-informed circles in Tientsin, according to a report from that city, that a number of changes in Customs tariffs for North China are at present under consideration.

It is understood that last month the Peking Provisional Government authorities drew up a list of items the importation of which it was proposed to restrict drastically. The list is said to comprise 99 numbered sections, including all luxuries.

The German Chamber of Commerce reports that it has obtained an advance list which, it is stated, would later be made available to other importers.

The authorities in close touch with the Provisional Government denied the reports when they were first circulated, and since the announcement of the American credit loan to the Chinese Government and the reported impending British loan, reports of a revision of the Customs tariffs have begun to circulate with greater persistency. Rumours go as far as to suggest that there will be a prohibition on the import of all but Japanese goods into North China.

Revenue Increases

None of these reports or rumours can be confirmed, but it is a general impression here that the final intentions of the Provisional Government have not yet crystallised.

Imports into Tientsin have increased heavily during recent months and Customs revenue has rocketed. The increases are generally believed to indicate, firstly, that goods are again reaching consumers in the interior, secondly, that importers increased their stocks owing to fears of extreme restrictions against imports, and, thirdly, uncertainty over the currency situation resulted in goods being hoarded in preference to cash.—Reuter.

A Trans-China message from Shanghai says the Japanese authorities there possess complete ignorance of the matter.

The Customs authorities state that officially they have received no information to that effect and that no definite ban has been imposed so far but they add that they are aware that import restrictions are to be tightened up considerably in the near future.

Japanese Report

Shanghai, Dec. 22.

Confirmation of reports that a revision of Customs tariff in North China might be expected in the near future was given by the Japanese news agency Domei to-day. It states that revision of the present tariff is one of the questions to be discussed at a meeting of representatives of both the Reformed and Provisional Governments which opened in Peking to-day. Other questions to be discussed include regulation of raw cotton exports, postal administration, consolidated tax system, exportation of raw materials and control of trade.

The adhesion of the federated Mongolian Autonomous Government and the recently formed Canton Peace Maintenance Commission to the joint commission of the two Governments will also come up for discussion, it is understood. The Nanjing delegation includes Ling Chung-chih, Wen Tsung-yao, Chen Chun and Hsin Chi-feng, and the Provisional Government delegates are Wang Keh-min, Wang I-tang and Chu Shen.—Reuter.

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PHOTO NEWS



Group photograph taken after the recent wedding of Mr. L. A. Scopes, Vico-Consul in Shameen, and Miss Brunhilde S. Rolfe, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. V. E. Rolfe.—King's Studio.



An enjoyable Christmas dinner party for service men was recently given by the Ladies Committee of the Cheero Club when the above photograph was taken.—King's Studio.



The shops in Hongkong are contributing to the Christmas spirit by decorating their windows for the celebrations.
LEFT: Dodwell and Co. advertise the hampers.
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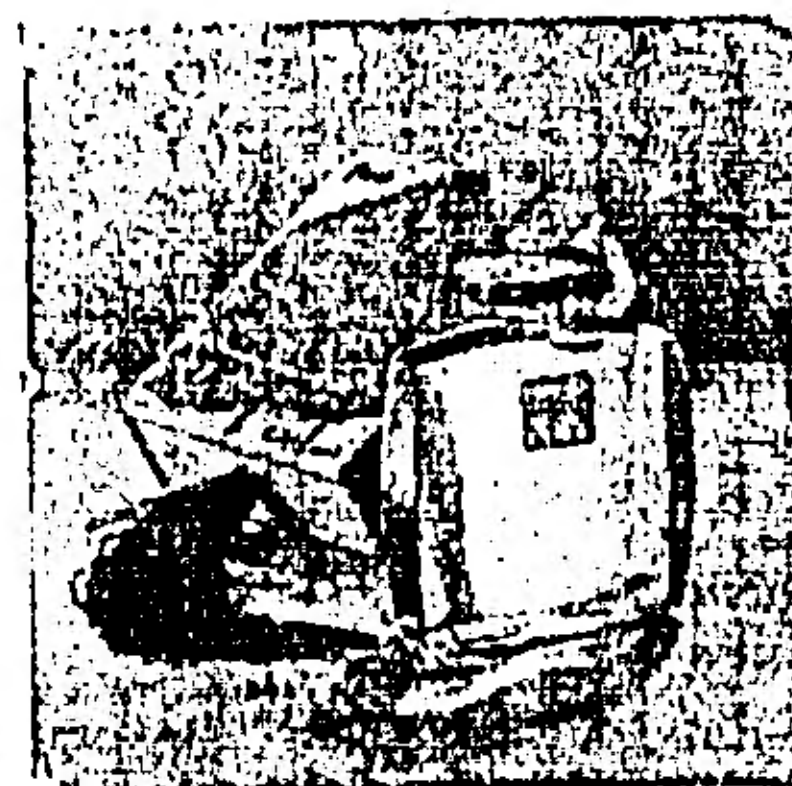
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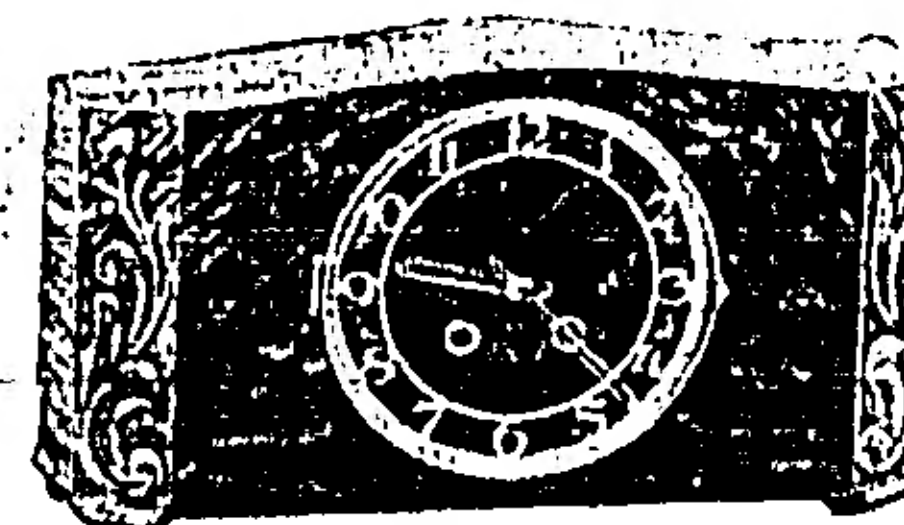
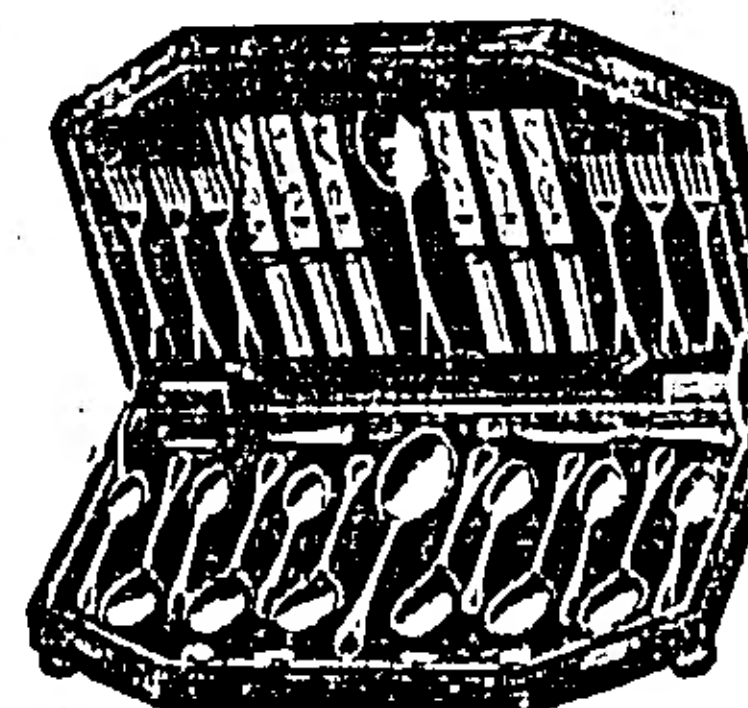
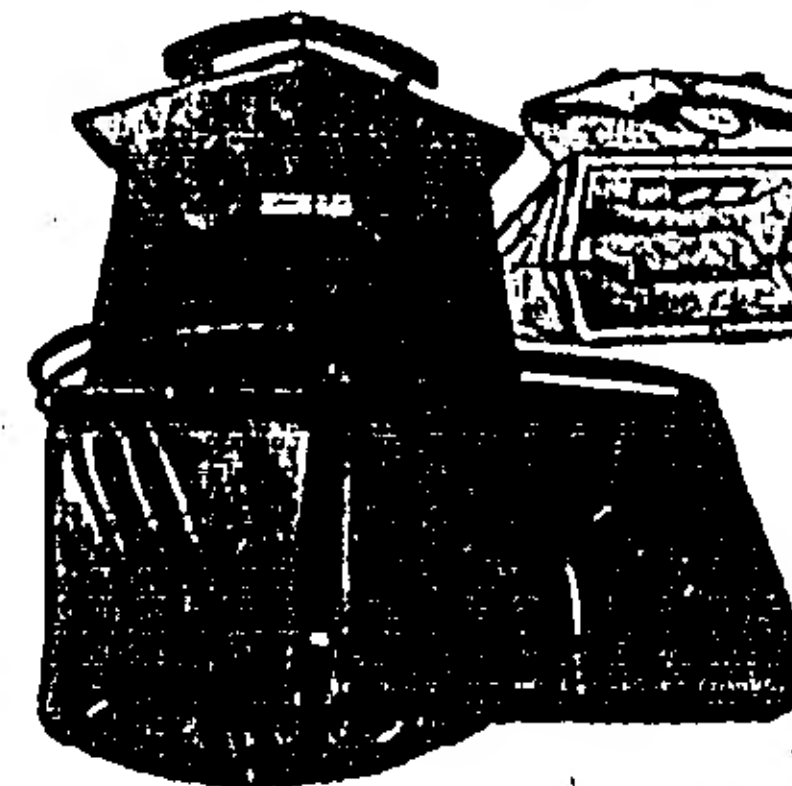
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AIR RAIDS PRECAUTIONS

Opposition Questions Measures

LONDON, Dec. 22.
THE ADVANTAGES of the measures advocated by Sir John Anderson with regard to national defence and air raid precautions in the House of Commons yesterday, were called into question to-day on the motion for the adjournment.

Mr. Arthur Henderson (Lab.) ground shelters made of reinforced concrete. One advantage of underground tunnels was that they serve the streets with tunnels 45 feet deep, in peace time as a solution of London's traffic problem. Sir John Anderson thought that made to use concrete instead of steel deep tunnels did not provide a sheet, which had created enormous difficulties in Barcelona. The provision of concrete shelters, he had now adopted a system of under-

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China Approaching 1939 With Confidence

LONDON, Dec. 22.
"CHINA APPROACHES the new year with confidence, based not only on the impregnable position of the National Government, our leader, and the valour of the Chinese people, but by virtue of increased international readiness to help China," said Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador to London, in an interview to-day.

The reasons for supporting China become daily more formidable through Japanese depredations of British interests, added the Ambassador. The United States, by granting China credit and borrowing facilities underlined the spirit of financial co-operation, saying that this may well be only the beginning.

"I am gratified by the many indications, even definite steps, that Britain, with still more vital interests at stake than the United States, is now fully aroused to the menacing realities. Japan has over-reached herself so conspicuously that even the most hesitant British business interests realise that only by China's triumph can the legitimate Western interests survive in the Far East."

"Now at this Christmas season, every Chinese feels heartened and happier by this development, added to the constant British benefactions for Chinese sufferers in the devastated areas."

"I am confident that the new year will mark a turn of the tide in China's favour."—Reuter.

JAPAN MAY RECALL AMBASSADOR

Resentment At Soviet Attitude On Fisheries

TOKYO, Dec. 22.
JAPANESE RESENTMENT about the lack of conciliation on the Soviet side regarding renewal of the fisheries agreement is so strong that the recall of the Japanese Ambassador from Moscow, in case the negotiations fail completely, is believed not to be out of the question.

The "Kokumin Shinbun" claims that such a measure is being considered in Government quarters in order to stress the importance which Japan attributes to the protection of its fishing rights.

Ambassador Togo, following a conference between Premier Prince Kooye and other Ministers to-day, received a new set of instructions for immediate discussion with M. Litvinoff, the Soviet Foreign Minister.—Trans-Ocean.

Representation On Suez Canal Board

LONDON, Dec. 22.
The present national representation on the board of the Suez Canal Company is: French 19, British 10, Egyptian 2, Dutch 1, said the Secretary to the Treasury, Captain Euan Wallace, when questioned in the House of Commons to-day.

This representation compared with the previous Board comprising 20 Frenchmen, ten British, one Dutch and one German.—Reuter Special.

Goebbels Suffering With Influenza

Berlin, Dec. 22.
The Reich Minister of Propaganda, Dr. Josef Goebbels, is suffering from acute intestinal influenza, and will be confined to his bed for several days, it was announced here this evening.

He will therefore be unable to speak at the large Christmas festival planned for Friday evening, and will, instead, be represented by the Reich Commissioner for Winter Relief, Herr Hilgenfeldt.—Trans-Ocean.

Home Of 'Turn Again' Whittington Destroyed

LONDON, Dec. 22.
MANOR GOSSWOLD, the residence of Sir Alan Anderson, M.P. for the City of London, was almost completely destroyed by fire to-day.

For centuries it was the home of the descendants of Dick Whittington.

The flames spread so quickly that Lady Anderson, who was trapped in her bedroom, only escaped by lowering herself from the bathroom window by a rope of knotted towels.

The Cheltenham fire brigade reached the scene of the fire through a blinding snowstorm, and had to be three times cut out of snow-drifts.—Reuter Special.

Chamberlain's Visit To Italian Capital

Rome, Dec. 22.
Mr. Neville Chamberlain's visit to Rome will be followed by a journey by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano to Belgrade, it is stated in diplomatic circles here.

It has already been announced that the trip of the Hungarian Foreign Minister to Rome will not take place until Count Ciano returns from Belgrade.

The Italian press has been stressing for some days past the desir-

Agreement No Longer Valid, Say Italians

PARIS, Dec. 22.
IT WAS STATED to-day, that the Italian Government informed the French Ambassador to Rome some days ago that it regards the Franco-Italian agreement of January 7, 1935 as no longer valid, because it is no longer responding to the requirements of the situation.

It may be recalled that the agreement in question, which was concluded on behalf of the French Government by ex-Premier Laval on a visit to Rome, was intended to settle various problems outstanding between the two countries, including that of Tunis.

Exchange of the ratifications of the treaty have never taken place, and the view was recently expressed in Italian circles that the agreement therefore had no legal existence.

The opposite view, however, has been held by the French Government. The attitude which France will now adopt is not yet known, but official circles here believe that the French Government will take its stand on the terms of the memorandum addressed by it to the Italian Government in April, 1938, which is said to have stressed the French Government's readiness to settle all outstanding differences between the two countries.

The well-known French political writer, "Perrinax," affirms in his paper "Ordre," that the memorandum also emphasised the standpoint of the French Government that concessions made to Italy, particularly with regard to Tunis by the 1935 agreement, must be considered as the extreme limits of concessions to which France was prepared to go.—Trans-Ocean.

ability of closer relations between Budapest and Belgrade, and it is generally assumed that the visits of the two Foreign Ministers will be devoted largely to the realisation of this aim.—Trans-Ocean.

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